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The Town of Manchester has its particular history written by one Richd Hollingworth an active Presbyterian Preacher in d Leg: of our Civil wars: which may be seen in Ms in St College Library. & Nicholson's English historical Library. p: 17.

faith Rev Knowes nothing of its course, probably it is that wch wee call Corne brooke a brooke that suddenly swells to bee a greate water in wch very many (before the Bridge & this way were raysed) were drowned & suddenly falls again to bee a little rindle yea allmost dry land.

It is not now fortifyed wth a Castle or honored wth a corporation, nor was it euer accomodated with a navigable river (though Rev that made the Mapps in Mr Selden called Mare clausum seeme to account it a maritime towne,) nor so pleasantly or fruitfully (saith Mr Camd in Sayth) scituated as some other townes yet it farre excelleth the townes about it for the beautifull shew it carrieth, & for resort to it, yea it is the fairest largest & most populous townes in all the County.

* Mancuniensis
or
An History of the Towne of
Manchester
& wt is most memorable
concerning it

The ancient inhabitants of yorkshire Lancashire Westmerland Cumberland & Durham were
all Brigantes, their chiefe city was yorke sometimes called Brigantia. Brigantia/
Lancashire is a county bordering on the Irish seas, the figure whereof is oblong, the aire
generally wholesome, the earth fruitfull especially for breeding cattell of large bodyes &
woodly heads & hornes, & in some part it aboundes with corne, it is well furnished with fish flesh
& fowle for food, with coales & turfes for fuel, with riuers brookes & springs, & other conveniencies.
It is divided into five hundreds (besyde the Franchises of Furness fell & Lancaster's liberty) viz. Salford, Derby Blackburne
Wyland, Amoundernes
& West Derby.

Manchester is a towne scituate in South East part of this
County Palatine of Lancaster in the hundred of Salford
(which anciently when Lancashe was divided into fiftie shires
& in some ancient deedes the wapentake of Salford.)
was called Salford-shire where the pole is Elevated
53 degrees & 24 minutes.

It is washed yea allmost surrounded with Riuers viz
Irke on the north & yrlly on the East Irwell on the west
medlock on the South, about three miles from it the
Riuer Mersey is the boundary both of the parish of
Manchester & of the sayd County on that syde,
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yorkeshe westmerland Cumberland Durham were the
Brigantes their chiefe city was yorke called sometimes
Eboracum
In Vespasian's time Petilius Cerealis stroke a terror into
the whole land by invading vppon his first entry the Brigantes
the most populous of all the whole province, many battailes, &
sore bloudy ones were fought & the greatest pt of the Brigantes
were either conquered or wasted.

It is allso sayd that the Townesmen carried valiantly against the Danes when about Anno Christi 863 they landed & stand the worse for it for the Danes about ten years after ~~Northumberland~~, ~~they~~ tooke & possessed themselues of the whole region of Northumberland they tooke allso the city of Yorke they held the country about 60 years certainly at that time Manchester was either totally or in a great measure ruined as Chester allso & other cityes when their destroying feete trampled downe the beauty of the land. ‡

About ano. 920 But Edward king first of the west saxons & afterwards of the Mercians ~~[illegible]~~ sent into the kingdome of the Northumbers ~~[illegible]~~ sayth Roger Houeden an army of Mercians that they should reuify the city of Manchester & place valiant Souldiers in it or (as Fabian expresseth it) this noble Prince Edward about the 20th yeare of his reigne was chosen by the king of Scots & Cumbreyes to be their Lord & Patron — Hee repayred the city of ~~Mancester~~ Maynchester that sore was defaced with the warre of the Danes — after wch & other notable deedes by this Puissant Prince finished this noble man died & was Interred in the Monastery of St Swithin in Winchester.

It was a ffrontier towne betweene the Mercians wch inhabited ~~on the other syde of the river Mersey~~ Chesshe Derbisshire & the Northumbers wch inhabited ~~on this syde~~ Lancasshe Yorkshe. & in their warres & mutuall incursions was sometimes possessed by the Mercians sometimes by the Northumbrians. /

It was anciently a Burrough + now &c & found Burgesses for the Parliam^t as that accurate exact Lawyer Sr Humfrey Dauenport Lord chiefe Baron of his Matties Exchequer & other Rawe asserted thereof the ancient Rowles are in ould deedes called Burgagia, & the owners ~~inhabitants~~ of them doe hould in Burgage-tenure or Soccage tenure within a Burrough. / By what meanes it lost this power & priuiledge hath bin conjectured by some learned men but not cleered by any that I know of certainly at (if ~~whensoeuer~~ not by) the ~~[illegible]~~ conquest & some hundreds of yeares after it was in a servile & low condition. /

+ now with the Saxons a Burrough was the same with a city as Sr Henry Spelman obserues in his Glossary. though afterward those Episcopal Seees did engrosse the name of cities & the rest were also found Burgesses

& the Townes called Burroughs.

x a mistake for 1520 about 12 H. 8.

H ~~An Historian sayth that~~
One writer that About Anno 1520 x

~~[illegible]~~ three weare ~~sayth my Author~~
three famous Clothiers living in the north Country viz Cuthbert
of Kendal Hodgskins of Halifax & Martin Brian, some
say Byrom of Manchester ~~[illegible]~~ Every one of these kept
a greate number of ~~Clothiers~~ Servants at worke Spinners
Carders weavers fullers dyers Shearmen &c. to the greate
admiration of all that came into their houses to beehould them
Some say H. also that
& the said Martin ~~Basil~~ gave much money towards the building of
a free schoole in Manchester ~~but if soe did~~ which is true the money was
lost or some way or other wickedly alienated (wch in time of the civil warrs might easily be done)
of about 400 yeares after for no free schoole was built
but that Manchester as well as
Kendal & Halyfax were greate clothing townes then it is now more
then probable./

Anno. 1282 Inquisition was made concerninge the Extent of the Mannor of
Manchester by the oathes of John de Biron Geffrey de Bradeleigh
Knights. Jeffrey de Chaddyrton David de Hulton Alexander de
Pilkington Thomas de Elton Robt de Sonisworth Elli de Levir
Richard de Radcliue Robert Dutton Adam de Cundliue Adam
S. of John de Levir. In which mencion is made de perquisitis
Curiæ Burgi de Manchester & de placitis et perquisitis Curiæ
Baron. Manerij - & that the Rectory of Manchester was then
worth two-hundred markes./

of any other Castle or fort neere Manchester there is no memorial
saue that in or neere to the confines of the parish toward Prestwich there is
~~there is~~ a field called ffo: castle field & a lane called
ffo: castle lane.

3

Mr Cambden visiting these ptes saw at the fort of Alpraham
vpon a long stone this inscription

D CANDIDI
FIDES XX
IIII

and John Dee then warden of Manchester copyed
out this other for him

COHO I FRISIN
D MASAVONIS
P XXIII.

ffrom these two inscriptions it seemeth were for the pservation
of the memory of two Centurions that had so many
yeares faithfully & worthyly serued the Romans
there

In the yeare. 1612 vnder the roote of an oake in ~~Shirincot~~
medlock neere knot mill was found a stone three quarters
long 15 inches broad 11 inches thicke wth the letters
syde downeward wch Mr Cambden saw not or at least not
before the finishing of his Britannia but is now to bee seene
in the Garden at Holme wth this Inscriptio

R
FOTVNÆ
CONSERVA
TRICI & SE
NECIANIVS
MARTIVS
3 LEG VI
VICT

⊕ & thro countrie about it ~~all the same to be counted subject~~ there being then no division into Counties, was divided in
lithe regions called Hydes & was parcell of thro K.

+ In his days ~~of this Edwin~~ thro was very great peace &
safety throughout Northumberland. hee caused cupps &
Basons of iron or brasse to bee fastned by such clere
wells & fountaines wch did runne by thro high way sydo wch
Basons none did take away. hee began the Cathedrall
church of yorke named S^t Peters & appointed three
a Bps Sea, Paulinus was afterward A Bp there.

H It may bee Ropedi that our Ancestors of this towne
did seuerall of them at least receiue Christianity
at that time seeing king Oswald did so much
delight in & reside at Winwicke not farre of
this Oswald finished the Cathedrall church of yorke
Begunne by his Predecessor

Shortly after Manchester & a large compasse of ground neere to it was made
a parish, ~~at~~ at wch time the parish of Assherton vnderlyeing was within
the parish of Manchester but afterward it became a parish of it selfe & yet
was ~~after~~ in the donation of the Lord of Manchester.

HH It is sayd that S^r Tarquine a stout enemie of king Arthur
Kept this castle, & neere to the foard in medlock adjoyning made house
a Bason on a tree on wch Bason whosoeuer did strike, S^r Tarquine
or some of his company would come & fight with him & that
a knight
S^r Launcelot du Lake did beate vpon the Bason fought with
Tarquine killed him & possessed himselfe of the castle &
loosed the prisoners. whosoeuer thinketh it
worth his paines to reade more of it may read the history of king
Arthur. It is certaine that about Ano Dmi 520 there
was such a Prince as king Arthur, & It is not incredible
that hee or his knights might contest about this castle
when hee was in this County (as Ninius sayth) hee
put y^e Saxons

In the Heptarchy this towne & ~~County was parcel of the~~ Kingdome of Northumberland wch kingdome begunne about Anº. Christi. 540 & after the death of Edwin it was subdivided into two lesser Kingdomes or Provinces Deira & Bernicia, this was parcel of Deira this minds mee of Pope Gregory who in the time of his Predecessor Pelagius seeing some English children brought to be sould in Rome to bee fair & beautifull & understanding they were Heathens of the Prouince of Deira alluding thereunto hee sayd these people are to bee delluered de Deira from Gods wrath thereupon when hee was Pope hee sent Augustine to convert the English.

Geffrey Chaucer in his tale of Constance sayth that in the reigne of Alla king of Northumberland wch began. Anº. 559

In all that land durste non Christen goul
Al Christen folk ben fled from the country
Through Paynims that conquered all about
The Plagues of Northumberland

Edwin king of this Country ~~many~~ thousands & ~~many~~ of the people were our much loued & honored by his people by Cand & Ser with his daughter Eanfled

& converted to Christianity & baptized by ~~many of~~ Paulinus ~~who was Afterward AB of Yorke~~ Anno. 626, but this blessed light of Christian Religion was extinguished within two years after the death of Edwin & the baptized Christians revolted againe to Paganisme Afterward came Aidanus a Scotish mā (King Oswald having sent for him out of Scotland) & lighted the candle againe & God so blessed his labors that in seven whole dayes hee baptized more then 15000

this towne is now called Manchester, formerly Mamcester or maincester the Latines call a fortified place or castle Castrū & Sax. Caster the addition of H being very usuall as Carolus Charles, Castrū chaster. & the turning of A into E Sweetning the sound Mancunij castrū or mancancaster might bee easily contracted into Manchester.

~~This sayd that King Arthur or one of the Knights of his round table did sometime keepe this Castle wch is not very credible if it bee true that Ninius sayth that King Arthur~~ put the Saxons to flight in a memorable battell neere Nigan about twelue miles of

After that Ethelred king of the Northumbers was slaine Anno. 794 there was an Interregnū for thirty yeares in which time this Province (wherein this towne must needs have its Part) was made a prey & a laughing stocke to its neigbors saith William of Malmesbury

in Northumberland though it is vtterly vnworthy that the inhabitants should imagine as m^r Camden p^rtends they did in his time that Manchester should signify the city of men & with this light & frothy conceite implying their owne commendation should at all praise themselues yet it is true they did carry valiantly & fared —

¶ Anno 890
About this time Ælfred or Alured first divided England into Counties sayth Ingulfus of Crowland, & appointed certaine custodes or keepers of the kingdome to suppresse outrages in euery county. & hee also divided the sayd Counties into centuries or hundreds, & certaine courts to bee held by him or some other after him appointed to bee kept in some towne & place within the hundred wch sometimes was a place of good note, as Salford now Manchester now is (though I cannot find any monument of its antiquity) & sometimes very obscure, as Derby in Lancashire Bulkeley in Cheshire, & Normans crosse in Huntingtonshire (sayth Speede) where the hundred takes its name from a crosse above Stilton where the former ayre they mustered their people, Hund also hundred or wap in taken are sometimes denominated for breadth, Hill Manchester certainely did not giue name to the Hundred whether because it was then a city (as the story of those times calls it) & no citye that I know of doe giue names to the Hundreds hauing (probably) gouernment within themselues or because it was so sore defaced & almost ruined, or because the towne of Salford was then immediately in the Kings hande as also it hath continued till very lately, I leaue to the iudgem^t of the reader.

¶ Earle for the Duke of Lancaster vppon occasion of the Lord of Manchester complaining that the townesmen did deny to pay toll, gaue comission to certaine Gentlemen to enquire what were the liberties & priuiledges of the towne, & they brought in for their verdict that it was not a Burrough but villa mercatoria enjoying certaine priuiledges & liberties as Infangthiefe &c. S^r Edw. Mosley Steward

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It is a towne of right great Antiquity ~~called Mancunium~~ receiuing its name from Main wch (as wee find by the glossaries of the Britiſh tongue) ſignifies a rocke or ſtone becauſe it is ſeated on a rocky or ſtony hill. It is queſtioned by that Reuend & learned Antiquarie A.B. Uſſher whether Cair Maungud or as another call'd it of ninius his catalogue of the citties of Britaine Cair Mancegud (mencioned in moſt ancient copies to bee one of the 28 citties of Brittaine) bee meant of this towne, or of Mancester in warwickſhire ſaid by Watling ſtreete the high way made by the Romans & though the ſayd A.B. & mr Cambden alſo inclino another way yet the Cambden chriſtalls that mancester is but a very ſmall village conteining ſcarce 14 dwelling houſes & thoſe but little ones, & that it hath no monumt of antiquity to ſhew ſauing an ancient mount wch they call Oldbury, & it is euident that it hath not ſuch honorable mencion in Antiquityes as this towne hath.

antiquitat: eccles: Brit: pag: 61:

Cambden's Britania pag: 569:

the Romans called it Mancunium or Manucium according to the variety of the copies mencioned by Antonimus the Empor who liued about. 120 yeares after Christ

aſcribed to him are from Eboracum Yorke to Calcaria through: fares Tadcaster then to Camboduno a place now ruined neere Almondbury in yorkeſhire then to Mammucio or Manucio Manchester then to Condate Congleton in Cheſhire And againe from Coccium Rebblechester to Mancunio Manchester & then to Condate —

the Original of this towne (as Speed alſo ſayth of yorke) cannot bee fetcht out but from the Romanes for it was a ſtation & fort of the ~~the Station~~ of the Roman Colonies Romans now the ſtations & ſeate plotts of our citties & principall townes before whoſe coming the had no other citties or townes then ~~Before the coming of the Romans~~ Brittaines woodes fenced with trenches & Rampiers wch were places of retreate to auoide the incurſion of the Borderers. to

In Aldport there is a plot & groundworke of an ancient ſundry fortreſſe where alſo Roman coines haue bin digged vp builded foure ſquare Comonly called Man-caſtle or Mancaſt builded as it may bee preſumed by Virius Lupus of Britaine (as Vlpian the civill lawyer calls him) who ſtrengthened theſe parts with forts & caſtles. Propretor & Lieutenant northeare from this Ancient fortreſſe the place was afterward called Aldport Alde for auld Port in Teutonick (from whence & not from the ffrench we anciently haue it) was ſometimes vſed for a city, walled towne, or fenced place, as the chiefe Magiſtrate of London before it had a maior was called Portgreue

this seemeth to bee an Altar dedicated to ffortune by
L Senecianius Martius the 3d governor or
comander in the Sixth legion wch remained at
yorke in the time of Severus his being there
after hee had vanquished Albinus Generall of
the Britaines & reduced their State vnder his obedience
it was surnamed victrix Casso placed by Dio in lower Britaine
& the 20th legion surnamed victrix remained at Chester wch
hee placeth in higher Britaine this division it seemeth

after the conquest

William the Conqueror presently gaue to Roger of Poytiers all that Land or province lying betweene the Riuers of Ribble & Mersey (wch Land or province in Doomesday booke is not described vnder the title of Lancaster but either with yorkshire or Cheshire) concerning wch there is an auld Prophesy

When all England is aloft
Well are they that are in Christ croft
And where shud Christ's croft be
But betweene Ribble & Mersey.

This Roger of Poytiers was the first Lord of the honor of Lancaster, but Rue by his seditious disloyalty lost it shortly after it was giuen him, & the Lordship of Mancestre came to the Gredley's wch came in with the Conqueror

Doomesday booke mencions a church called St Marie in Manchester & a church called St Michaels (tho of this latter I find not the least memoriall probably these two churches stood both in one churchyard at Pauls & Gregories in London) wch had vnam carucam quietam ab omni consuetudine praeter Geldam.

Albertus de Gredley gaue to the church of Manchester foure bovata or oxgangs of Land in Frankalmoigne of his owne demesne.

Didsbury Chappell the first chappell that was builded in this parish was (as is supposed) erected about this time

In auld evidences I find that. Anno. 1235. F. Decan. de Manucestre. Jurdan Capellan. eiusdem. villae.

About anno 1294 Hugo de mancestria a Dominicall frier provinciall of the Preachers in England embassador to Philip King of the Franks drawe to Edward the 1st & Eleanor, Ree writt against a most impudent impostor coniuree & deceiuer wch by many enchauntments Rad brought his mother to madnesse his Bookes left behind him were Fanaticorum delirta Compendium theologiae & many others.

Anno. 1299 Otho de Grandisono by John Griffin of Grandison & al the presentation of the King was made Rector of Manchester.

Anno. 1301 Galfridus de Stoke succeeded him al the p'sentation of Thomas Grelle

Thomas Grelle granted to the Burgesses of Manchester that it should bee liber burgus & enioy certaine priuiledges saueing to himselfe & his heires rationabili tallagio a reasonable taxe when the King shall lay a tallagium or taxe on his free Burroughes throughout England, witnesses S' John Byron & Richard Byron Knights Henry of Trafford &c. See more in the Charter. It was confirmed by King James.

⊕ or Baron yede ~~e~~ this place was called Barons Hyll as the Inquisitions saithe
now called Hunts Banke was lytle called Hunts Hyll./

‖ Edward the 2d gave & granted the Hermitage of Kerkall (wch had
~~also~~ before granted by his p̄decessors) to the monks of Lenton in Nottingham
shire to have & to hould it in puram & perpetuā Elemosynam, as freely
peaceably quietly & honorably as Hugo de Buron (who gave certaine
lands to that monastery & became a monke) had held the same./
or rather confirmed
Monast. Angl. (Vol. 1. p. 647 b).

‡ About. 1330 Thomas Langford the famous Historian a Dominican frier
of Chelmesford in Essex who is supposed to give one of the
Langfords of the Hough.

Anno. 13.13 John de la ware Knight true patron ~~of Manchester~~ presented John. Dewsden Presbyter to bee Rector of manchester who got a dispensation that hee might absent himselfe from his church at the instance of William Herle Knight.

A survey taken in his time sayth the church of Mamcestre worth yearly 200 marks is at the presentacion of the Lord John de la ware Past p'sented John Decwesden who possesseth the endowm't of the sayd church consisting of eight Burgages in Mamcestre & the villages of Newton & Kirmoneshulme (it should bee Kirkmanshulme) with parke woods pasture.

It mencions also the manor containing within the p'cinct two acres of Land — & a plaw of pasture without the gate betweene the water of Irke & Irwell, also the wood of Alport wch might bee inclosed & made a Parke at the will of the Lord, It joyned to the Rectory of Manchester saving that a place called Blencorchard or wallegreene was betweene them.

The Manor house stood in or neere to the place where the Colledge now stands, & was called Barons Hall & Barons Court. & the Parsonage house was neere to a field called the Parsonage in or neere the street called the Deansgate.

It mencions also woods & moores of turbary belonging to Manchester wch were so many & so large that they were not measured but estemed accordinge to the customs. Also the waters of Manchester upon the water of Irke valued at 10li p ann. at wch all the Burgesses & tennants of manchester wth the Hamells & Ardwicke Penshaw (forte openshaw) Curmeshall moston Notehurst Getheswyke & Ancoates ought to grinde paynge the 16 graine besides the Lord of moston wch was kept five yeerlinge the 20th graine.

Also a comon bakehouse worth 6s viijd at wch the Burgesses ought to bake by the custome, also a milne for the Dieu vppon the banke of the same river valued then at xijs iiijd p ann.

Robert de Gredley Lord of mauncastre gave to God & the bd virgine to the Abbot of whalley & to their chappell of St mary den (now called Deane church) all that Land lyinge neere to the sayd chappell

this Land is now in the tenure of Mr John Filsley minister there

Anno. 1327 ~~John~~ Adam de Suthwike p'sented to bee Rector of manch& by Joh: la ware undoubted patron

Anno. 1327. John de Claydon p'sented to the same Rectory by the same patron.

Ano. 1342 Robert de Chalomber passed certaine lands in the Deansgate for 20d yearely to bee payd to the Rector witnesse John. wakeley John de Hulton — Richard of the Milnegate chaplaine

~~Ano. †~~ About this time also wee read that Richard Brayton de Baltersby were chaplaines & John Adam Longshalt Robert Bibby ~~were chapplains~~

Ano. 1351. After the death of the sayd John of Claydon Thomas de wyke or Thomas wyke was p'sented to the Rectory by Joane wch was the wife of John de la ware Lord of Mamcester

‡ Anno ~~R. R.~~ 1359. vppon some differences betweene Roger la warr & the Bayliffes of the Duke of Lancaster wch Bayliffes did as well in his petition to the said K. alledged & amercy, & gather Iamerciaments vppon the Towne & manor of manchest inhabitants of the to the damnage & p̄iudice of the said Roger, the said Duke caused an inquisition to be made at Preston before Thomas de Seton & other his Iustices by the oathes of John Radcliffe Oates Halsal Roger de Bradshagh Henry s. of Simon de Bickerstath, Robt de Trafford Adam de Hopwood Roger de Barlow John del Hoult Robert de Hulme John de Chetham Thomas de Strangeways & John de Scolefield wch brought in vppon their oathes that the said Roger & his Ancestors time out of minde held the Towne of Manchester not as a Burrough but as a Market towne inioying some priuiledges as Infangthiefe &c.

* ~~lay a mercy~~ ~~or ask a mercy~~ or ~~ask a mercy~~:
amerce

Anno 1352

A Comission was granted by the Bp of Lichfield for the dedication of the chappell yard of Diggsbury within the Parish of manchester for the Buriall of such as died of the Pestilence in that Ramble & in neighboring Ramletts in the chappell: yard there because of their distance from the parish church of Manchester.

‡ then thomas la warre was psented & admitt Rector & had a licence granted him to bee Non: resident hee was the last Parson.

the Rectory was then valued at 250 Marks p annū. Shortly after hee being the next heire & indeed the only heire male of that family came by inheritance to bee Lord de la warre, his bearing peculiar to a Prieſt & the Eldeſt of an honorable houſe (viz two of the necessary coates the firſt of the on the chiefe & the second on the baſe) is yet to bee ſeene in the windowes. as mr Leigh obſerueth.

this thomas de la warre was the last heire male of that family & ſummoned to the Parliamt amongſt the Lords temporall by the name of mr thomas de la warre for hee deſcended from the Grellyes who were ancient Lords of this towne & by Joane ſiſter of the ſayd thomas it came to West Lord de la war.

this thomas being Lord of the manor & parſon of the church aſwell as Patron & conſidering that the Pariſh was large & populous & that the former Rectors some ſeldome & some never did reſide bethought himſelfe as well for the greater honor of the place as the better edification of the people to erect a Collegiate church in manchester to that purpoſe hee procured a licence from Henry the 5th dated Anno reg: 9. may. 22 under the ſeale of the Dutchy for appropriation [illegible] & foundation of the Colledge for wch 200 marks were payd into the Hanaper or Exchequer in the Chancery

then the Pariſhioners viz

Lawrence Hulme } churchwardens
Henry Bulkeley }

Joh. le Byron } Kt.
John de Radcliffe }

Edmund Trafford } Eſqrs
Joh: de Booth }

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} Genl.

& + Cniversity. Cniversality.

& all & every Parishioners gathered together at the sound of the Bell & the comunity & vniuersity of the sayd parish so farre as this might any way concerne them did for themselues their heires & Successors giue their free assent & consent thereunto & drew vp a writing to that purpose sealed with the seales of the Deane of manchester & about twenty other seales.

ffrom the sayd fhomas de la ware of his lands & Rectory of manchester to fhomas Bp of Durham (who was also chauncelor of England & amongst other his good workes founded two schooles at Plaw-greene one of Gramer & the other of musicke) John Heneage Richard Lombard Parson of Holtham church & Richard Firth

this fhomas Bp of Durham &c. founded a Collegiate church consisting of one keeper or Mr. Eight fellowes chaplaines-
foure Clerkes & sixe choristers in honor of St Mary (to whom this Parish church was formerly dedicated) & of St Dyonyse Patron St of ffrance & St George Patron St of England (the sayd fhomas de la ware being partly a ffrench-man & partly an English-man) & having first resigned by Proxy made to William Brinkley canon of Litchfield & to fhomas Clerke Chaplaine.

this was also confirmed first by Richard Ceggby Prior & the Cōvent of Coventry & Henry Hallsall Archdeacon of Chester & then by William Bp & fhomas Stretton Deane & the chapter at Litchfield.

ffrom fhomas de la ware psented to William Bp of Coventry & Litchfield John Huntingdon to bee the Mr or keeper of the sayd Colledge. & the sayd fhomas Bp of Durham &c. did giue grant & confirme vnto the sayd John Huntingdon fiue Messuages & ten Acres of Land wch were parcells of the manor of Manchester one Messuage with the appurtenances with one acre & 24 Pearches called Barons hull & Barons

† wch is as good or better thē morton AB of Canterbury a man of a prudent & publiqe spt was contrat to vse viz mor vppon a tomr & sometimes a mulbery tree called in Latine Morus comingq out of a tomr to expresse his name of Morton.

yerde Eight acres of land in Nether Aldport one mesuage
in Gorton greene of eleven pearches another in Heaton of
Eleven pearches

ffhir Joh: Huntingdon ~~was~~ Batchelor in Decres & Rector of
Assheton vnderlyne was warden neere 40 yeares, a man
learned in the learning of those times very devout & magnificent,
Hee built the Chancell or Quire in the midst wherof & iust
Before the high altar as then it stood Hee lyes buried with
this suitable inscription Domine dilexi decorem domus tuæ
(a custome borrowed from the ffrench)
His Rebus or name-devyse is to bee seene on either syde
of the midle arch as it looketh Eastward ~~towards the Quire-part~~
on the one syde is an Huntsman with dogges wherby
hee thought to expresse the former syllables of his name Huntin
on the other syde a vessell called a tonne wch being
joined together makes Huntington. +

About this time or not long before for ought appeares was Erected
the p̄sent large & stately stone buildinge wch wee call the
Church Being formerly a vast wooden building not much
vnlike (saue that probably it was more adorned) to the Booths
where the Court Leete, Court Baron of the Lord, & the quarter
Sessions are now kept Credible tradition sayth that one ꝑt
of the sayd wooden building was remoued to Oardsall another
part to Clayton but the maine Body of it was remoued to
Trafford wch is standing to this day & now called the greate Barne.
Who did most in the building of it is not certainely knowne But
the names armes of the Stanley's to wit, Radcliffes of Radcliffe
(Some remainders of the Alabaster Statues (as it is sayd) of two
of them are yet on the North syde of the Quire) Byrons,
Radcliffes of Oardsall & others now or lately in the windowes
doe witnesse their assistance onely one Richard Bexwick
did many workes of pietie & charity towards the mr & fellowes
& for the decent & honorable reparation & amendment of the
sayd Quire & Body of the sayd church & other Parishioners
doubtlesse did freely contribute thereunto Hence it that vulgar
mistake that Didsbury church is more ancient then Manchester
wch ammounts to no more truth (if so much) then that the
present structure of Didsbury chappell is more ancient then the
p̄sent structure of Manchester church as allso their ffont was much
bigger Because when dipping of children & baptizing of Heathens

ffor windowes were richly painted the East window of the South Ile
michaell & his Angells the 9 ordes of Angells fighting with the Dragon & his
angells the East window of the North Ile had St Austen & St Ambrose Sing
te Deū laudamus & the other windowes represented some canonical or Ec
call story In the midle Stanchion of ewry window especially in the 24 p
windowes was the pictures of the Virgine mary But all the vpmoist end
of the outmoist northally neere to Stranyedais chappell was a very
windowe wherby was described our Saviors arreignm^t & crucifixion wi
some pticulers of the Storie with these verses

God that ys of mighty most
ffadur and Son and holy Gost
Gyff-t gr- - - - - - - - -
And keepe thayr saulis out of hell
That made thys wyndo as ze may se
In worshippe of the Trenite
Ihū *
ys wyndo gaff any thynge

+ ffor to giue them grace to do well

* forto giue them

* forto That to

In this corner vndēr this windowe its probable there stood an altar & that it was a place of much devotion it is sayd it was for the country

In the chappell where morning sermons were wont to be preach
ed called St Georges his chappell Belonging now to John Radcliffe of
Oardsall Esqr was the Statua of St George on horseback hanged v
his horse was lately in the Sadlers shop the statua's of the vir
mary & St Dyonise the other Patron Sts were vpon lay two highest pillars next to the Quire w
them vsually men did bow at their coming into the church

⊕ allso John Trafford K^t holding one parcel of waste lying
in Manchester neere to the Boothes vpon wch parcell
of Land onely one shop was there lately builded so that
it seemes the rest were builded since.

July. 22
Anō. 1485. vpon the death of the said James Stanley another James Stan
was made maister & keeper of the Colledge. hee was broken

yrw most out of ofr thm thr Baptistes wrr lesse & lesse. ++

Anº. 1465

Raph Longley Rector of Prestwch was at thr presentation of Richard Halsteld & Nicolas Stathom whom Richard Weil Kt. Lord de la war had made Patrons for this time onely admitted Mr & keeper of thr sayd Colledge.

James Abbot of Abendon thr nuncio & comissary generall of Sixtus thr 4th thr contentious if not allso vitious Pope to thr kingdome of England, to walis & Ireland with thr Collector of thr revenues of thr Apostolicke chamber were at manchester & for money payd (as was pretended) for thr maintenance of Christians against thr Turke granted plenary Indulgences as if on a day of Jubilee thry had visited personally at Rome ~~one of~~ thr Rentall of thomas Weil. Lord de la warr

In ~~thr Rentall of thom~~ ould evidences occasional mencion is made of John Rauenald Hugh Wrightington thomas whitehead Jacob Bardsley Nicolas Rauenald chaplaines & fellowes of thr Colledge of thr wardens thrin houlding of thr Lord of thr manor thr Parke called nether Alport for a certaine rent & of thr guild or company of thr Bl virgin many in manchester houlding some burgages of him of one Richard Hill wch had thr Corne mill for 6li 3s 4d ~~Alkrington Sandford Bradfield~~ ⊕ ⊕

were rende allso of one Roger de Parker & William Walker chaplaines about that time.

thrre was ~~allso~~ likewise ~~one~~ a large pitt ~~found~~ uppon or neere to thr high knowles & causing it to be made about it a double ridge ~~round~~ & walled & seated ~~round about~~ (possibly for his meditation) gave it thr name it hath to this day Sr John Browne's pitt.

July. 27

Anº. 1481. ~~James Stanley~~ Raph Longley resigned thr keepership or Mrship of thr Colledge to James Stanley Dr of Divinity Brother to thr Earle of Derby, & Archdeacon of Richmond

~~Archdeacon of Richmond~~ sirr was sometime Bp of Ely one more voluptuous then vertuous, thrr usually spent thr Summer at Sumersham a faire dwelling within three miles of St Ives in Huntingdonshire wch & Brithnol gave to Ely church & enlarged it with new Buildings rather for satisfying of his lust (for ibi mulierculã alebat nr dicam concubinam &) then for any devotion to pr serve or amend thr houses belonging to it for thrr bestowed little or nothing either on Ely church or any other house belonging to it In thr winter thrr lived with his Brother in Derbishire. (possibly Derby Hundred wch in ould Bookes was called Derbishire as allso were made of Salfordshire Blackburnshire) when euer thrr lived thrr was vnworthy of thr family thrr descended from & of thr honor thrr did enjoy yet it may in charity be iudged that thrr repented of his wicked life or else his monumentall inscription is vnsuitable to him though it may be seasonably for vs. Hee built thr large Chappell on thr North-syde of thr church in thr honor of Jesus Christ & John thr Baptist & lyes interred in thr inner chappell vnder a faire tombe ~~with his~~ wch after thr description Ralph thrse homely but round verses.

Pr of pardon.

⊕ Ffor Sayd Habell Becke did also Build the Conduit in
Manchester

Viuus Deo gratus toto mundo tumultatus
Criminis mundatus Semper transiuit paratus

& this Roberson aduise in Preaching wch Chrysostome sayth if hee had a voice like thunder & a mighty mountaine for his pulpit & all the men of the world for his auditory hee would chuse for his text to preach on.

Filij Hominum vsquequo graui corde vt quid diligitis vanitatem et quaritis mendacium
Vtinam saperent et nouissima prouiderent
And vppon the inscription in Brasse on the doore
Vanitas vanitatū et omnia vanitas, & all the windowes full of Memorable nouissima.

Ano. 1505. care was taken for the reparation of the chappell standing on Salford bridge built as it is sayd by Thomas dell Booth in Edw: the 3d time but certainely gaue 30li towards the building of Salford Bridge & it was very vsuall in greate bridges to build chappells in wch they did pray for the soules of their founders, this chappell is now conuerted to a prison for Manchester & Salford.

1506
this James Stanley Mr or keeper of the College S. John Bamford Willm Bradford John Lording Richard Massy Raph mody Henry Siddall & xpofer Bexwick Priests fellowes, Parsons or Rectors & Proprietaries of the church graunted certaine certaine priuiledges to Jesus chappell on the south build by the sayd Richard son of Roger Bexwick of Manchester & to the chaplaines of the Guild (the first or chiefe of wch was Sr Oliuer Thornley) that they should not onely officiate there but should also receiue all guifts obLations obventions & gifts for the Service of Jesus xpt & in the honor of the name Jesus. this chappell was 4to Elizabethae widdow by Isabel Beck sole heire of the sayd Richard Bexwicke giuen to Francis Pendleton & Cecyly his wife daughter of the sayd Isabell whose successors now calely sould it or gaue it (being very ruinous & the roofe fallen downe & the Lead sould or stollen) to the towne of Manchester to bee an English library.

the next chappel to it commonly called Trafford chappell Chauntry Thomas del Booth Son & heire of Thomas Booth Kt the founder of it gaue to Hugh Scoales chaplaine a certaine place in Bexwick together with the advowson of the chauntry of St Nicolas in St Maries church in Manchester & the sayd Hugh Scoales gaue the sayd premisses to John Trafford Kt. the lowest chappel on the South syde was (sayth a monumt in the midst of it) bilded by William Galley Sumtime Marchaunt of Manchester & Elizabeth his wife & Nicolas his Broder and executor on whys heire costs hee died Anno. 1508. It is now possessed by Richard Radcliffe Esqe

the highest chappell was probably builded by the Byrons it now belongs to George Chetham of Clayton Esqe.

Strangewayes chappell was probably builded by one of the Strangewaies it now belonges to John Hanbry of Strangewayes Esqe. In it there is a pardon vnder the picture of the Resurrection of Christ from the Sepulchre. the pardon for v Pater nr vares & a creede is xxvj thousand. & xxvj dayes of pardon.

ia forte—
2. Oia
To: omnia.
nissima

istake in money
e I suppose.
Richard xxo

Richard?
is John Bexwick
ve mentioned.
ard is mentioned
e p. 10. line 9th
y. bottom.

† hee was a zealous Defender of the liberties of his church &
had a tedious Suite with the Abbot of Tauistock about them.

Anº. 1509 Robert cliffe Batchelor in [redacted] Decrees was warden or Mr of the Colledge to whom & to the chaplains his fellowes the trust of the Schoole & the Lands thereof were comitted.

Anº. 1518. George West a kinsman of west thes Lord de la war was Mr or Keeper of the Colledge. Both they were wardens before the death of the said James Stanley.

Anno. 1519. Hugh Oldam D.D. & Bp of Exeter died who out of the good mind he bare to the county of Lancaster being ~~F~~ beleeue his native country perceiuing that the children thereof hauing preganant wits were for the most part brought vp rudely & idlely that knowledge might bee aduanced (the art of grammer being the ground & fountaine of all the liberall arts & sciences) & that children might bee occupyed in good learning & better taught to feare Honor & dread God & his Cause founded the free Schoole in manchester hee was chaplaine to the renowned Lady margaret Countesse of Richmond & by his meanes p̄ferred to the Bpriqe of Exeter Anº. 1504 hee gaue Lands to maintaine a common table for the vicars of the said church + hee p̄swaded Bp̄ Stox to found & in that worke furnished him with much money Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxon, himselfe builded the Cloyster of the said colledge & in their Statutes hee is stiled primarius benefactor hee had in his minde to endow Exeter Colledge but vpon distast giuen him in regard his letter in behalfe of one Atkins for a fellowship in that Colledge did not succeede hee diuerted his bounty to C.C. colledge. hee bought the Lands on wch the Schoole house is Mr Stands, & looked the milnes there in Case of the Lord de la war for 60 yeares with the said Bishops money Afterward Hugh Bexwick Priest & Joane his sister widdow purchased of the said West Lord de la war his Lands in the Ancoates & the milnes seated vppon Irke & free fishing from Ashley-lane to Irwell with power to sett downe Stakes & fence in the said riuer or on either syde & left all in Croftes to the said Schoole for euer, the said Bp̄ it is said was pietate laudatior quam doctrinâ rude in speech but in deede & action friendly & bountifull. He is euident hee was a fauorer & promoter of learning, His effigies is in CCC quadrangle with the effigies of their founder Richard Stox Bp̄ of Winchester who was Lord priuy Seale & a man of great account in Henry the 7ths Reigne, It was also at the end of the Schoole but being newly painted & adorned before the Parliam^t was the more eyed by some Sculdions who had a zeale not according to knowledge & was by them pulled downe these men were more likely to pull downe the Schoolehouse also then to

forte.
keeper of the-

By the said Bishop for the said free schooles in Manchester

⊕ the first fower nominated were Lewis Pollard kt. Anthony
ffitzherbert kt. Justice, William Courtney kt. Thomas Davis
Alexander Radcliffe kt. John Biron Edmund Trafford Richard
Assheton Thurstan Fitzherbert Robt. Langley Richard Holland
John Reddich. Esqrs

to imitate him in buildinge such another. the Popes favorite the Abbot of Tavistock in the above mencioned suite & finding not the Bp so pliable to the court of Rome as hee expected did excomunicate him the said Bp under wch censure hee died & might not be buried till his absolution was procured from Rome. Hee lyes interred in a litle chappel cast out of the vpp most end of the Southwall of the Cathedral church of Exceter wch chappell was built by himselfe in his life time & adorned with curious worke & rich windowes haueing onely this inscription on a faire monument Hic jacet Hugo Oukham Anno. 1519 John Voysie who was also Lord President of wales succeeded him in the Bprique & M. Parker A B of Canterbury & Alexander Nowel Deane of Paules in foundinge free-schooles in Lancashire the one at Ratchdal & the other at Midleton. the first

An°. 1535 Georg Collier was warden or M^r of the Colledge.

An°. 1540. Henry the 8th founded the Bprique of Chester it was made vp of two Archdeaconries of Chester & Richmond it was first ordeined to bee within the province of Canterbury By the letters patents of the foundation but the King shortly after by act of Parliam^t annexed it to the Province of Yorke, & because the Clergy of Lancashire Cheshire & some other places were much eased of their long journies the Bprique had but small revenues Mortuaries were allowed to the Bp from the Clergy at the death of euery incumbent Respectively viz the best horse, apparell, booke, signet &c.

John Bird Bp of Bangor was pferred to bee Bp of Chester for his preaching against the Popish supremacy.

the towne of Manchester haueinge ben anciently a sanctuary was one of the fewre of all the Cathedralls Collegiate Parish: churches Hospitalls or chappells which were allowed & taken to bee places of priuiledge & tuition for terme of life for all & singular offendors & malefactors Except wilfull murther rape Burglary robbery by the high-way or in houses felonious burning of houses & their abettors Statut. an°. 32. Hen. 8.

But within a yeare or two the sanctuary beinge found prejudicial to the wealth, credit greate occupyinge & good order of the said towne (in wch towne (sayth the Statute) it is expedient that honest true & credible persons & not

An. 1572 By inquisition vppon oath it was also found that the Earle of Derby had purchased of the Prince Over Alport, & three Burgages in the Milnegate & fenistrete being chauntry lands. & vnder & vnder wch had their seuerall endowm^ts. one wherein S^r William Trafford was last incumbent another called Cheetams Chauntry wherein S^t James was last incumbent Besydes others.

not any manner of light ffon or ffoni should inhabit) by occasioning idlenesse vnlawfull games vnthriftinesse & other enormityes in the laborers servants & others of the sayd towne & because diuers theftes & robberies & felonies were comitted & the towne not walled nor had any Maior Shreiffe Bayliffe or other Head officer then the Steward of the Lord of the manor nor any prison or Gaole the sayd Act of Parliam^t was annulled & the Sanctuary removed to West Chester wch had no such trade of Merchandize & had a strong gaole a Maior Bayliffes &c. Statut. An^o. 33. Hen. 8.

By vertue or pretence of an act of Parliament in the first yeare of Edw: the 6th the Colledge at Manchester was dissolued & the lands & ~~reuenues~~ belonging to it were taken into the Kings hands & were by the King demysed to Edw. Earle of Derby, & the house ~~&~~ or soone after called the Colledge & some lands in Aldport were then (as it is sayd) sould to the sayd Earle who was carefull as our fathers have tould vs to provide very well for three or foure ministers officiating in the church.

(Sayth m^r Cambden)

The towne in that age was of greate account for certaine woollen clothes there wrought & in greate request comonly called manchest Cottons. Concerning wch it was Enacted that all & every Cottons called Manchester Lancasterske & Cheshire cottons (before (Newly full wrought to the sale) in length 22 yards & contein in breadth 3 quarters of a yard in the water & shall weight thirty pounds the piece at the least And that all clothes called Manchester rugges or Manchester ffrizes shalbe 36 yards long 3 quarters broad comming out of the water & shall not be ~~be~~ stretched on the Tenters or otherwise a bout a nayle of a yard in breadth & being so fully & well dyed shall weight euery piece fourty eight pounds at the least ~~And~~ Statut. Ann^o. 5. et 6to. Edw. 6.

Though it is like that many Gentlemen of the Parish of Manchest had bin high Shreiffes of the County before, yet I could find no record ancienter then Edw. the 6th in whose ~~time~~ first yeare Sr Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall K^t was high Shreiffe.

Queene Mary refounded the Colledge restored allmost all the Lands (the Earle of Derby still keeping the Collegiate house & some other small things) appointed one M^r or keeper Eight fellowes chaplaines foure clerkes & sixe choristers & did also confirme & reestablish the Statutes of the first foundation & placed George Collier in his wardenship againe

Sir George Collier came along with Dr Pendleton to Mr Bradford
to dispute with him. Anno. 1555.
The said Dr Pendleton was in king Henries dayes a Papist in king Edw:
dayes hee recanted in Manchester (being one of the Preachers there maintey-
ned out of the revenues of the then dissolved Colledge) & became an earnest
assertor & preacher of the Gospell in Queene Maries dayes meeting
with Mr Saunders in the Country (about Coventry its like) where Mr
Saunders lived & Dr Pendleton went that way to London) & discoursing
of the Persecution then arising Saunders complaining that though
his Spt was ready to suffer his flesh was weake & loth to taste of
that bitter cup Pendleton being a fat bigg man over-selfe-confidently
sayd I will see the vtmost dropp of this grease of mine molten away
& the last gobbet of this flesh consumed to ashes before I will forsake
God & his truth, but the issue proved otherwise when they came to
London Saunders boldly preached Christ opposed Antichrist &
sealed his doctrine with his blood at Coventry. Pendleton sayth
(Mr Fox) changed his tippet preached Popery & being learned was
a greate disputer for it about & was sent or of his owne accord
came downe into the Country Manchester & other places to recant
his recantation & to preach vp Popery wch occasioned Mr Bradford
to admonish his Christian friends & countrymen to beware of him
This Mr Bradford was borne & brought vp in Manchester & then became
a servant to Sr John Harrington thence hee went to Cambridge where
his extraordinary diligence & proficiency in learning made him Mr of
Art the first yeare & psently after fellow of Pembrooke hall By
Ridley preferred him to bee a prebend in St Paul's church in London
Martin Bucer encouraged him (being very modest & much complaining
of his insufficiency) to bestow his talent in Preaching saying to him
If thou hast not fine Manchet bread yet giue the poore people
barly bread or whatsoeuer the Lord hath comitted vnto thee whereupon
hee was ordeined Presbyter & became an Eloquent preacher, feruent
in prayer an able disputant a wise comforter of afflicted soules
preaching praying writing meditating was his whole life hee was
more vnwilling to spend time then money Hee ate vsually but one
meale a day & that hee often mixed with weeping yet sometimes
hee was merry in the Lord As Cranmer was for his place
the most eminent of the martyrs so Dr Ridley was accounted
the most learned & Mr Bradford the most pious, Mr Fox
more vsually calleth him then any of the other Holy martyrs
Parsons the Jesuite can obiect nothing against him but
that hee was a minister made of a seruingman & a Puritan
in those dayes the first of wch is an vniust accusation as appeares
by his greate learning & orderly entrance by ordination into
the ministry. the latter Ithinke is grounded vppon his opinion

opinion that the Scripture knew no difference between Bpr & Presbyter
which then was not onely the current opinion of the Protestants, but Dr
Harpesfield Archdeacon, who asserted the same thing in his conference
with Mr Bradford Dr Taylor rejoiced & blessed God that
had sent him into that prison where he found such an Angell of God
to comfort him meaning Mr Bradford, Bp Ridley writing
to Mr Cheke K. Edwards tutor rejoiceth that he had procured
such able preachers of Gods word in London diocesse & here nameth
Mr Grindall (who afterwards in Queene Maries dayes was an exile
& in Queene Elizabeth dayes was Archbp of Canterbury) & Mr
Bradford by whom as I (saith he) am assuredly informed God
hath & doth worke wonders in setting forth his word &c.
Here with Severall tracts & letters besydes those mencioned by Mr Fox
some are printed some are not.
His meditation & prayers
A meditation & instruction of the Providence of God to me J. B.
A meditation of the psence of God
A meditation of the flesh & Spt or a declaration how those words
Flesh & Spirit are to bee understood in Scripture
A Sermon of Repentance
A Sermon of the Lords Supp in wch are nine reasons against transubstan-
tiation
In the end of it is more practical & hath a word of satisfaction to
a poore sinner that thinkes himselfe unworthy.
A treatise of Election & freewill, of wch nature there is also
another letter to certaine men not rightly perswaded in the doctrine
of Gods election & predestination
A meditation of death out of Ludovicus Vives
A meditation for the true exercise of mortification
A meditation vppon the passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ & a moste
earnest prayer vppon the said passion
A meditation vppon the ten comandments & the Lords prayer whilst he
was imprisoned
A meditation vppon the Sacraments
Sundry other prayers.
A Letter of his owne hand. Beginning Jesus Immanuel to my deare
sister in the Lord Joice Hales J. Bradf. wisheth all encrease of
godlinesse in Christ the summe of it is to explaine that place in
Rom. 8. 19. 20. 21 that it is to bee understood of the renovation of
the world & of the better condicion of all creatures This discourse
her stileth Cygnea cantio – it was not long before his suffering
A Letter to a Christian friend about Christs sufferings
A letter to Mr Philpot about unity –
A Letter to Mr Cokes in Malden in Essex entreating him to harbor
one John Stanchfield a booke binder in who in Qu. Maries dayes
did wander to keepe a good conscience
A letter to Dr Ridley subscribed by himselfe Mr Philpot & others
in wch is this expression. – All here (God therefore bee praysed) pre
pare to pledge their [illegible] captaine Christ even when he will
& how he will.
A letter written from the Counter in the poultry to Mr Shalcrosse &
his wife dwelling in Lancashe exhorting to constancy & perseverance
in keeping themselves undefiled in Gods service in fighting the good
fight – her desires to bee commended to Sr William Cholton who (saith
he) I trust hath kept himselfe free from Idolatry God grant he
may so continue, & to Thomas Ridlestone though I feare (saith he)

It was commonly & credibly reported that one Rider of Smithy
was imprisoned for that hee in King Edw. dayes was one that
pulled a Popish Priest out of the Pulpit that a preacher might
o—o
+ o + ye vp. + o +

+ o + A conjecture, for ye Popish Priest was father Travers, vide ye other side—
o—o & ye Preacher perhaps was Mr Brawford.

+ & Wm George Cotes was not preferred to ye Bpricke till ye 3d of Q. my.

Rev hath defiled himselfe in this false service, Rev mencions allso a booke
which James Bradshaw had of his possibly it is the same good man that
writt to George Marsh another of our Lancashe martyrs.
ffernis allso in the MS. of Emmanuel Colledge Cambridge a letter from
Elizabeth Longsho to mr Bradford mencioning his preaching in Lancashe
& blessing God for it & the benefit & comfort she received by it & in the Postscript
she desires him to have remembrance in his prayer of a maide of the Parish
of Prestigo (a roomans spelling for Prestwch) whose name is Alice Seddon
wch doth not cease to pray for you night & day
this mr Bradford came downe in kg Edw: dayes into the country preached the word of
God (as Dr Pendleton darn allso did) in manchester & allso at Eccles Prestwch
midleton Radcliffe Assheton underlyne Stepport mottrime wimsley Boulton
Bury wigan Liverpoole & the city of westchester & God gave good successe
to the Ministry of the word & both raysed up to himselfe & preserved a faithfull
people in Lancashe especially in & about manchester & Bolton some names of
whom wee find in mr ffox his acts & monuments & in the aforecited catalogue
+ of his workes their minister (I conceive) was father frauncis in kg Edw.
dayes the Minister of Blakeley & ouled in Qu. maries dayes & sr thomas
Hall who lived neere vnto & much counselled mr Bradfords mother. +o+
It is reported & believed that John Br. preaching in manchester in kg Edw.
dayes tould the people as it were by a Prophetical spt that because they
did not readily embrace the word of God the masse should bee said againe
in that church & the play of Robin Hood acted there wch accordingly came to
passe in Qu. maries reigne
the imprisonmt of the said mr Bradford, the conference hee had, the examination
of him & his being burned for the Reformed Religion at London (though it
was at first intended hee should haue him burned at manchester) and how
Woodroffe the Shreiffe of London stroke Roger Bexwick his brother in law
then living in manchester as hee was speaking wth mr Bradford & the
hand of God vppon the said Woodroffe & many other things are fully
related by mr ffox to whom I refeare the reader
Laurence Saux B.D. & chaplaine to Iames Brooke Bp of Glocester who with one John Coppage were the onely fellowes
nominated in the foundation of Philip & Mary was according to the said
foundation admitted & canonically Instituted & inducted ad curam et regimen
animarū to the cure & goumt of soules in the office of being mr &
keeper of St maries colledge in manchester hee was laborious learned
& in his way devout & conscientious.
In Qu. Maries short reigne manchester parish furnished the County
with one high Shreiffe. ~~viz Sr Thomas Langton of the Hough~~ knight
& Sr Edmund Trafford of Trafford Kt Anno. 3. & 4th. P. et M.
God did wonderfully kyde his people in Lancashe in the time of Qu. mary
some indeed went beyond Sea as thomas Lever chosen minister of the
English church at Zurich (from whence hee writ to mr Bradford then
prisoner in the Tower, exhorting him to patience & constancy vsing this
motive, Your cause is good & yor friends bee in favor & your enemies
in displeasure with Almighty God yor heavenly father) James
Pilkinton wch returned from exile was made the Qu: Divinity professor
in Cambridge hee preached at the Restitution of M. Bucer & Paulus
Fagius bones vppon. Psal. 112. 1. Blessed is the man. that feareth God &.
hee was afterward Bp of Durham. Goodman ffiske & others. yet
sundry Protestants stayed at home who were not much molested by the
Bps for John Coates ~~whom Henry the 8th preferred to the Bpricke of~~
Bp of Chester ~~from Bangor for preaching against the Popes supremacy~~
+ was deprived 1o Mariæ for being married, who left but a little white
after hee had burned at Chester & George Marsh of the

Ano. 1577. Crosford or Crossley Bridge was begunne to be taken care of
that it might bee redified, & built of stone, ffor ye Inhabitants of Manchester
petitioned the Qr. most Honorable Councell, & Sr Raph Sadler Chancellor
of the Dutchy of Lancastr Mr Justice Meade Mr Gilbert Gerard - Attorney
Generall in Lancastr Mr Bromley Attorney of the Dutchy of Lancaster, wrote to the Justices
of peace to view & cause the same to bee so redified, & they assessed the County
in the Summe of two hundred pounds & the Inhabitants of the towne of Manchester
did of their owne benevolence Bestow fourty pounds more & above, so that
the bridge was builded in that manner that now it is the yeare following. / ⊖⊖ Infra

Ano. 1574. ffor Common of Colyhurst, was inclosed & also the same was put downe
in the night, the same Summer William West Baron of Grisley Lord de la
warre & Gabriel Gatelouge Chiefe Lord of Manchester came to Manchester
& bid let Colihurst to all such as would take the same for iiij^li the Acre
By yeare, & twenty shillings fiue a tow land. ⊖⊖ Supra

Ano. 1578. ffrom was a difference betweene the Lord & the townes about choice of the
⊖⊖ Burrough-reeve, ffor Steward chose John Gee but the townes chose
Robert Langley.
ffor this yeare also the churchwardens taxed the Parish in allmost nine pounds for
destroying of crowes. / ⊞

Ano. 1585 the English Benedictine beyond the Sea's began to bestirre themselves
for continuation of their order ffAbbot Heckenam being dead & there being
but one left viz father Sigebert Buckley & therefore before his death provision
was made of others to succeede nine were chosen, & five in Valladolid
in Spaine & found in Rome of wch foure one father Anselme of Manchester was one Fuller. Eccles. Hist. out of Reinerius. Apost. Benedict. / p. 18

⊞ About this time the Bp of Chester erected & his Successors encouraged
a publike Exercise to bee held monthly at Manchester on some set day
& nominated some graue godly learned Ministers to bee moderators & to preach in their
course in the afternoone & comanded all Parsons vicars curates
Readers Schoolemrs within the Deanry of Manchester to bee present
at the said Exercise, & to bee ready in the afternoone to bee more privately conferred
with examined Instructed & directed by the said nominated moderators
& to obey & observe their order & direction vpon paine of censure. /
the names of the moderators were. mr Shaw of Bury mr Carter of manchester
mr Assheton of middleton mr williamson of manchester, mr Langley of Prestwich. /

parish of Deane nere Boulton & then Cuthbert Scot DD who had bin
imprisoned in the Fleete, & had escaped to Louaine was returned & made Bp
in his roome & fell was so busy in the visitation of the famous vniuersity
of Cambridge wch drawe away sundry Protestants out the vniuersity,
foure & twenty out of one Colledge & in taking vp Martin Bucer &
Paulus Phagius bones that fell did lieth in his owne diocesse, towards
the later end of Qu. Mary fell held a visitation & caused sundry in and
about Manchester to bee imprisoned in the Colledge wch at the death
of Qu. Mary were released their names as tradition sayth were Radclyffe
wharmbie &c then Bp Scot fled beyond to Louaine where he died
& so also did Laurence Vaux the warden of the Colledge & became
Schoolm^r of the English schoole there. he writt also an English
catechisme or summe of Christian doctrine necessary for children &
ignorant people wch was then a bould attempt the French king
& some other Popish Drs did approoue it others did dislike it he
was a man well beloued & highly honored by many in Manchester
yea by the generality & this was one reason why many thereabouts
were loth to bee reclaymed from Popery then about Ratchdale
especially. Because Thomas Herle a selfish man succeeded him
who if he was indeed a Protestant (hauing allway changed with
the Princes in those changeable times) was not so wise or zealous
in his generation as Vaux was in his in wickedness & hee would for euer
haue blemished the name of Herle notwithstanding his Robe
descent had not Charles Herle Rector of Winwick his kinsman
ingenious pious & laborious minister & kinsman of the said Thomas
& moderator (after the death of Reuerend Dr Twisse) of the assembly
of Diuines at Westminster by ordinance of Parliam^t recouered
the credit thereof

wiz. Stephen Townsend, Nicolas Daniel, Richard Hall, Edward Holt

this fho: Herle & his fellowes-chaplaines
possessed the Colledge Lands & reuennues made leases of the tythes
& some of the lands whereby the Colledge was much p^rudiced & impouerished
though in the iudgem^t of learned lawyers the Colledge being an
Ecclesiastical society newly restored since the death of King Edw.
was suppressed by the Act of 1^mo Eliz: & consequently the
said fho: Herle & those that ioined with him were not legally
Wardens & fellowes.

Ann^o. 1565. there was a sore sickenesse in Manchester & about it
of wch very many died.

there was also an act of Parliam^t concerning the Aulnegers fees
& that hee should haue deputies within the seuall townes of
Manchester Boulton Blakeburne Bury
Injunctions & orders concerning the Colledge church of Manchester
were giuen to the M^r or warden & the rest some by the Archbp
of Canterbury Ann^o. 1564 some by Edm. Archb^p of yorke
& other the Qu. Matie^s commissioners for causes Ecclesiastical within
the Prouince of yorke an^o. 1573. about residence of the warden
& fellowes diligent & constant preaching euery Sunday in the
church of Manchester or in one of the chappells of Stretford
Chorlton Diddesbury Gorton Denton Newton & Blakeley

Anno. 1578. Qu. Elizabeth vnderstanding that the Colledge
had either an vncertaine foundation or none at all did reforme
or reestablish it by the name of Christs Colledge in
Manchester founded by Queene Elizabeth of one warden

Ann^o. 1560. Laurence Vaux was ordained Priest
& was ordained by Ridley the martyr, & had a prebendary in the Church of Durham & the Deane & chapter
& Bishoprique of Durham being vacant (as it was) that Scot was warden & fell
out with him was ordained to

Anno 1586. there was a greate Dearth in this Country. Insomuch that
in manchester
that a peny white loafe weighed but 6 or eight ounces, ope peny
Boulted bread ten or eleven ounces, Rye bread 12 or ten ounces
Browne bread about fourteene ounces. ℄ the Bp of
Chester ℄ other pitying the condicion of the poore did order
that the peny white bread should weigh nine ounces, of ~~Bar~~ fray
weight. Boulted bread, ten ~~ounces~~, Browne bread fifteene ounces
Jamocke thirteene, oate cake fifteene, ^ that every Baker
have his marke ^ according to the Statute, ^ that their bread be
wholesome ℄ well baked, ^ that they sell but onely twelue to the dozen,
that no loaves be made but either of a ½d ijd or iijd at the farthest,
that these orders be duly observed both by inhabitants ℄ forreiners.

℄ this Mr Carter's sonnes did walke in the godly wayes of their father
and one of them ~~followed his father in the same way~~
~~His sonne John Carter was~~ p'ferred to a Bishoprique in Ireland.

† ℄ a more frequent preacher ℄ Baptizer then other Bps of his time.

a Prsbyter & at the least Batchelor in Divinity & foure fellowes
godly learned & learned men at least Batchelors in arts able to teach
her people she ordeined all so that there should be two chaplaines
foure singing men foure choristers skilfull in musick By such
foundation also: Herby having already done too much harme was ousted
& John Wilton B D. was made warden in his stead hee was
a pious painfull skillfull Diviner, hee continued scarce two yeares
in his wardenship & then hee was made Bp of Exceter where hee
late almost 14 yeares hee lyeth buried on the South syde of the
Prsbytery neere the place where there is a monumt of touch & free stone
erected to the memory of him
the fellowes nominated in the sayd foundation were John Mullins who
being an exile in Qu. Maries dayes was first a student of Zurick
& afterward a noted member of the English church at Sfrankford
Alexander Nowel an exile also & one of the sayd English church
& being returned was made fellow of the sayd Colledge & afterwards
Deane of St Paules London hee writt many solid & learned treatises
was a bountifull benefactor to Brasen-nose Colledge, founder as
& endower of Midleton Schoole, & for thirty yeares together
hee preached the first & last sermons in Lent before Qu. Elizabeth
the 3d was Oliver Carter a learned man who writt a booke in
answer to Bristowes motives, hee preached solidly but succinctly
hee fell sicke in the Pulpit as hee was preaching of ^ Gods providence
of godly ministers on Malach. 2d vers & Mr William Bunny
(of whom more hereafter) went up immediately into the Pulpit
God assisting him
& preached on the same text a visible & present proofe of Mr Carters
doctrine ⊕
fellowes fourth was from: Williamson afterwards D D.
Anno 1579. D D. In their times Henry E of Derby Henry E of Huntingdon
William Lord Bp of Chester & other her maties high comissioners being
assembled at Manchester gave forth good orders & injunctions against
pipers & minstrells playing, making & frequenting ales beare baytings
or Bull-baytings on the Sabbath dayes or upon any other dayes in time
of devine service or sermons also against superfluous & superstitious
ringing, wakes & common feasts continuing in Alehouses drunkennesse
William Chadderton Dr of Divinity a parishioner borne D.D
Mr of Queenes Colledge & Regius Professor of Divinity in Cambridge
tooke the wardenship of Manchester in commendam hee was also
Bp of Chester a learned man & liberal given to hospitality † & hee
was resident in Manchester till the dayly jarrings betweene his
attendants & some inhabitants of the towne occasioned probably
by pride & stiffenesse on one or both parts occasioned him to
remoove his habitation to Chester hee was afterward pferred
to the Bpriques of Lincolne where hee died.
In his time the Lord treasurer Burleigh & Secretary Walsingham
made choice of the E. of Derby Sr Richard Shuttburne
Sr John Radcliffe Sr Edward Stafford Kt with advise of the
sayd Bp to procure an augmentation of the revenues of the
Colledge from such as had large leases but their endevours
had no good successe. Anno 1585 1586.
Anno 1588 there was a great mortality of the Parishioners there died in one moneth
of Aprill neere 70 psons

H. ^Robert Asmall of Gorton Slaine with a Bull at a Stake.

prisoners
her Co[ur]tiers were carried to Lancaster at the former charges
& after their execution [illegible]

⊕ probably her means Lancaster though indeed ^& their Heads
were brought to Manchester & sett upon the
Gates Ano. 1585.

(who was borne in this County)
† Also that Dna Alana widdow of the brother of Cardinal Allen was by Sr
Trafford troubled very much, her complaints of the said Sr Edmund Trafford

& long after till the Rebellion broke out Ano. 1639

‡ By some Irish Merchants (with whom the towne then did drive a great
& a gainefull trade)

† having a grant from the Queene of the Chauncellorship of St Pauls London
& that not falling naide, she was offend & did accept of the Wardenship of
Manchester Colledge & had it by Patent

thre same yeare there was a Pannick feare vppon the Lord Bp (then waiten) & the other inhabitants of the towne that they caused the flesh shambles to be remoued to Salford bridge & brooke themselues to such armes as they had vppon some flying report (if there were so much as a report) that a potent army was within a few miles of the towne vppon Swinton moore, sometimes the wisedome of the wisest men is but starke folly there being then litle probability either that there was any such army except possibly of the Lancashe Papists, or that such an army could by theise meanes bee rejected./

H Campian the Jesuite sayth that one James Laborer a noble layman for the profession of the Catholique faith & also because he denyed the female Papacy of Qu. Elizabeth & denyed obedience to bee due to her because shee was (sayth the Jesuite) both vnlawfully begotten & lawfully deposed from her pretended right by Pope Pius Quintus did most meekely & willingly shed his blood in Manchester ⊕ also that one James Bell Priest was prisoner in Manchest sometimes in an obscure & horrid lake (Ther meanes for ought I can learne a Gentlemans house in or neere to the Market stid lane called Mr Radcliffes of the poole) sometimes in another place called the new fleete, of which one Worsley [of the Booths] was gouernor or keeper + bee complained of Edmund + Stafford of Stafford as a most bitter enemy of the Catholicks of Ashton of Chadderton as a zealous heretick of Holland of Denton as a rigid Puritan of the Bp as a Calvinist a false & cruel Bp of the inhabitants & specially of the ministers & by name of Oliver Carter as one that boasted much of his learning & labored to winne them in the County Sithe is certaine that because Lancaster & most other places were inclined to Popery the Queene & her Councel appointed Manchester to bee the place wherein to imprison & confine such Papists as they thought meete & to traine vp their children in the Protestant Religion whether because of the neighbourings of the Bp there Chadderton to whom some children borne of Popish parents were comitted or because of the real or supposed zeale for the Reformed Religion such then was in the Gentry ministry & people or for some other reason I haue not to say

Richard Bro of Robert Birch died being fourescore yeares younger then his father

Anno 1592. was borne in Manchester William the Son of Simon Malloone a young man of pregnant wit hee was tempted to goe beyond sea, seduced from the reformed to the Romish Religion of wch hee became one of the most earnest & able assertors, hee made the Reply to Archbp Vssers answer to the Jesuites challenge, but hee was ouermatcht his aduersarie being more eminently learned & hauing euidence of truth on his syde Malloone caused his reply to bee dispersed in Manchester, hee afterward went to Rome & was Mr of the Irish Colledge there Dr Hoyle rejoined to his Reply.

Anno 1594 the sickenesse was in Stayleyworth at Clough house

+ Anno 1595. John Dee Dr of Physick was made Warden of Manchester by Patent vnder the greate seale, & was installed Feb. 20. 1596 a very learned man a profest maister of Mathematical studies many arts enumerated in his p[re]face to Euclides Elements were by him wholly inuented by name definition propriety & vse more then either the Grecian or Roman Mathematicians haue left to our knowledge with diuers annotations & inventions mathematical added in sundry places of the sayd booke together with seuerall pieces of Nauigation Perspective & other rare mathematical workes of his in MS. His Epistle to John Sfields Ephemerides, ano. 1557 de vsu Globi coelesti & de nubium solis Lunæ et reliquorum planetarum & distantijs & distantijs Both dedicated to Edward the 6th Astronomical & logistical canons to calculate the Ephemerides by his tract De stella admirandâ in Cassiopea Asterismo An aduise & discourse about the Reformation of the Vulgar yeare speaks him a learned Astronomer Bookes in other kinds of learning as History Heraldry &c. none writ by him before the yeare 1583. hee was a Mr of diuers secrets in vulgar Chymistry amongst others hee reuealed to one Roger Cooke the greate secret of the Elixir (as hee called it) of the salt of mettalls the projection whereof was one vppon an hundred It is reported that hee & Sr Edward Kelley canon of Bridlington his intimate friend & Coeq companion

Θ Ossom aphorismes ~~of his owne~~ hers dedicated to Gerard Mercator a famous ma

× Elias Ashmole 1683. in his notes on Thrateum chim
Cum.

Her was one of them that held the conference with the Bps at Hampton Court
in behalfe of the Nonconformists in the beginning of King James his reigne
but at the coming of the Palsgrave to Cambridge her took the degree of Doctor. Also S^r
who when her was growne old did willingly resigne up the maistership
to wch the fellowes elected John Preston fellow of Queens Colledge afterwards
D.D & chaplaine in ordinary to his matye

did find a very large quantity of the Elixir in some pt of the ruines of Glastenbury Abbey wch was so incredibly rich in virtue being one vppō 272330 that they lost much in making proiection by way of tryall before they found out the true height of the medicine — a piece of a warming pan without Kelley's touching it or melting the mettall onely warming it in the fire the Elixir being put thereon transmuted it into pure gould wch together with the warming-pan was sent to Qu. Eliz. by the Lord willoughby that by fitting the piece to the plate it might exactly appeare to have bin pt of that warming pan Her was generally by the common people & by some often reputed a conjurer & thereby was forced often seriously & fervently to Apologize for himselfe, Her was often disquieted in his studies, hee was glad to goe beyond Sea's & his library was seized on in wch were 4000 bookes & 700 of them MSS but the Qu. writ letters to him whereupon hee returned from Strebona 1589 & was favorably received by the Qu. at Richmond sometimes shee sent him 100d markes or 200d strictly to keepe Christmas with,

astrological aphorismes, θ 120 Aphorismes de pr̄dantioribus quibusdam naturæ virtutibus, Monas Hieroglyphica Speculū unitatis being an Apology for Frier Bacon Cabalæ Hebraicæ compendiosa tabula & other pieces. Doubtlesse as hee was a man as mr Selden calls him doctrinâ multijugi, so hee was too much addicted to some curious & uncertaine arts as Astrology or the like yet it is writt of him that when seven pſons in Lancashire were believed to bee possessed by Evill spts (one of wch was Margaret Byrom of Salford & sixe others at Clayworth) hee sayd Dr Dee absolutely refused any unlawfull way to assay to cast them out & advised to procure some godly ministers to seeke to God by prayer & fasting himselfe ioined wth mr. St. to procure some ministers out of Northamptonshire to ioine with others in this county, hee straitly examined & sharpely rebuked one Hartley a conjurer for his unlawfull art, hee was very sober iust temperate in his carriage, & studious, yea and an observer of publike & X private devotions, yet my author (whom I follow in this relation) sayth that hee had the unhappinesse to bee much vexed wth the turbulent fellowes of that Colledge,

John White D D. & vicar of Eccles was made fellow of the Colledge a learned & laborious Preacher, & assertor of the Reformed Religion hee writt diuers treatises as the way to the true church &c. wch being excepted against by some Popish Priests were vindicated by his eminent & learned brother Dr ffrancis White Bp of Ely

About this time florished Sr Nicolas Mosley anº. 1600 Lord maior of London whom from a small & low estate God raysed up to riches & honor hee bought the Lordships of the manor of manchester & of the Hough & built the house called the Hough-end in the place where his fathers tenemt stood wch with other large estate hee left to Rowland his Eldest son, his second sonne Edward was a Counselor, Attourney of the Dutchy both whose estates descended on Edward Mosley Baronet

Also Lawrence Chadderton ~~a parishioner borne~~ D.D. who when hee went first to Cambridge was a Papist but was (God being mercifull to him) converted by the both the paths of truth & holinesse, when his father sent him poore to give a beginning with a better & a groate in it telling him that unlesse hee did returne it should bee the last money hee should receive from him But God raysed him vp friends in Cambridge & hee grew in yeares, grace & knowledge & also in vniuersity degrees (saue that mr Butler that eminent physitian hundred for a time his degrees of Doctorship because hee was a puritan) & also and mother tongue

Also Sr walter mildmay ~~from~~ chauncelor of the Exchequer founder of Emanuel Colledge made him the first mr of it ~~& when hee resigned vp the mrship to Dr Preston~~ but hee retired to a priuate life hee & died full of dayes & honor. Dr Sancroft & his funerall sermon was preached by the third. viz Dr Prideaux Dr Holdsworth.

Shrew were high Shreiffes, pricked out of this parish by the Queene

Edmund frafford Knt. anno 7. Edward Holland Knt. Edmund frafford Knt 13. John Biron Knt. 14

Richard Holland Knt. 15 Edmund frafford. Anno 21. Eliz:

⊕ He vsually if not euery night did pray in his bed when he awaked when it might bee without disturbance of those that lay in the chamber with him

& singe psalmes also

† & the reformation of the towne from seuerall abuses as Prophanation of the Sabbath

†† competently learned, zealous for the dignity of his place as warden, but

the afore mencioned willm Burne[23] a straffordshir man B.D of 5t
Johns Colledge in Camb: (who was sent downe hither by Dr Chadderton & Dr whitakers
app at the request of the Parishioners who desired that either mr Perkins
or some other learned & pious minister might bee sent hither) was
made fellow, hee was learned in the tongues sound & orthodoxe in his iudgmt
Zealous agst every error especially agst Papistry seldome or never did he ascend
the pulpit but hee strucke at some Papists doctrine or practise before hee came downe
he dissented litle or nothing from the Scotch discipline vsed in Scotland but
vehemently propugned it yet in a private prudent & peaceable ways save
that hee held the feasts of the Nativity of J. Xt & of his circumcision &c. & other holidayes might lawfully (yea ought (the lawes
of the Realme considered) to bee duly kept, hee was much in ordinary &
extraordinary duties of piety prayer fasting thanksgiving &. both in his
owne house & Elsewhere, ⊕ His opinion & suitable thereunto was the practise
of his family was that the Lords day begunne on Saturday at Sunsett,
Hee was a frequent preacher, hee was the first that in a constant course
sett vp Sermons on the Lords day in the afternoone or on munday
morning, his preaching was plaine yet profitable to the conversion
& edification of many soules, † hee seldome varied the words of his
prayer before Sermon, & as seldome the method of his preaching wch
after explication of his text was, doctrine, proofe of it by scripture by
reason, answering one or more obiions, & then the vses. 1. of information
2 of confutation of Popery in this or that. 3. reprehension 4 examination 5
exhortation & lastly consolation. His credit & esteeme amongst the
peoples hereabouts was such that his iudgemt was sufficient this is mr Bourne
iudgemt, hee labored much & succeeded well in it to procure ministers
to every chappell in the Parish, few ministers were receiued but such as
were approued by him, mr Geo mr Paget mr Rathband & the like
wch often mett in a kind of consultatiue classis. Hee was a prudent manager
of his worldly affaires, of a comely & Reuerend countenance quicke in speech
& pace, Hee was buried with much honor & two sermons at his funerall
in wch the substance of all these things were spoken by the ministers
mr Thomas Johnson then of Illingbrooke & mr Alex & Since
Rector of Stopford & mr Alexander Horrockes Pastor of the church of God at
Deane.
Anno. 1605 the Lord visited the towne (as 10 yeares before & 10 yeares after)
with a pestilence there died about 1000d psons, amongst wch was mr Kirke
Chaplaine of the Colledge & his wife & foure children, all the time of the
sickenesse mr Burne preached, in the towne so long as hee durst (by reason
of the vnruliness of infected psons & want of goare mt) & then hee went
& preached in a field neere to Shooters brooke the townespeople being
on one syde him & the countrey people on another
now also liued in good esteeme Thomas Coyan high ms of the free schoole
professor of physicke & the author of the booke calculated for the meridian
of Lancashire especially of manchester called the Raven of health.
And Walter Balcanquel B.D. was made fellow hee was since D of
Diuinity Deane of Rochester & one of the foure English Diuines that
were sent to the Synod at Dort.
After the death of Dr Der the sayd wm Bourne being as was sayd an
approued Diuine, & having also married a kinswoman of the Cecyll,
Lords Burgley was in a faire likely hood of being warden & had a grant
for it but hee was hindred partly by his nonconformity (onely a leafe
of tythes for three liues of about 30li p ann was given him) & partly by
the potency of some Scottish lords at Court wch got the wardenship
likewise
D.D (who was afterward Parson of Stockport Deane of St Burien
in Cornewall & had some ciuill honor descending to him by inheritance from
his Scottish Ancestors) one Completely learned & of honorable desent
but not laudable otherwayes, Hee seldome preached, onely twice in
manchester once on Gen. 1.1 In the beginning &. another time on Rev. 22.20
Come Lord Jesus &c so it was sayd that hee in preaching begunne & ended the bible
nor was hee very skillfull in it Preaching once before king James vpon
Rom. 1. 16 I am not ashamed of the Gospell of Christ — when hee came to
kisse the kings hand His mat sayd thou art not ashamed of the Gospell
of Xt but by — the Gospell of Xt may bee ashamed of thee. Hee was
a greate Pluralist & yet was a mighty hunter of other Ecclesiasticall dignityes
& benefices, hee was very iealous of poysoning by his seruants if they
were discontented at him. Hee make them tast before hee would eate or drinke.
when hee was abroad hee liued very obscurely lodging rarely in the best Inne

o in the church
Ann°. 1617 was the faire & large gallery built w^ch wee comonly call the
cost at the charge of some private men Especially of Humfrey Booth
of Salford Gent. & the yeare after seates were erected out to Sr
Edmund Trafford Knight Humfrey Davenport of Salford Esqr
Oswald mosley of the Ancoates Esqr & others Gentlemen that were
benefactors during the terme of their naturall liues respectively.

O those within the Parish of manchester w^ch were honored with the title
of High-Shreiffe of the County by King James were. Edmund Trafford Kt
Rowland Moseley. Esqr. Edmund Trafford Esqr. Edward Holland Esqr.

or two journeys together in the same Jrnie but at manchester hee liued in greate state accounted himselfe (as indeed by his place hee was) the best man in the Parish hee required the fellowes chaplaines. singing men & quiristers to goe before him to church & some Gentlemen followed after, hee demaunded his seate from the Bp of Chester when hee was sett in it, saying my Lord that seate belongs to the warden & because hee would not sitt below the Bishop hee remoued in to the body of the church & in the Afternoone hee came timely enough to take his owne seate & so the Bp was forced to seeke another seate! In his time the Quier & of the church grew very ruinous, the revennues of the Colledge were by his meanes leased out hee purposely abstained from taking the oath mencioned in the Queens letters patents concerning his not receiving of the Colledg revenues saue for the dayes in wch hee did reside, the fellowships & other places were either not furnished wth men or the men wth meanes, Hereupon many & grieuous complaints were made by the Parishioners agst him to King Charles who comitted the whole matter to william Archbp of Canterbury Thomas Lord Coventry of Alsbrough. Lord Keeper of the greate Seale Henry E of Manchester Lord Keeper of the priuy Seale that they might enquire further into the matter afterward hee comitted it to the examination of Comissioners in causes Ecclesiastical [illegible] wch after mature deliberation & examination & proceeding in due forme of law & hauing summoned the said Richard Murry personally to answer for himselfe did not onely remoue the said warden from his place but pronounced him to haue lost his warden from the first & that the Colledge had either a weake foundation or none at all.

Anno. 1616 was an extraordinary greate flood on thwd called from the day Lambards flood in wch the waters suddenly rose yards plumme aboue the ordinary course that men stood vppon Salford bridge & caried vp water with a little pigyn. It is an easy matter with God to drowne a towne yea a world.

Edward Ridlestone borne in Manchester was vice principall of Brasennose Colledge, a very pious man much honored by the whole vniuersity whose preaching was wth such life & power & in such euidences & demonstration of the Spt that his hearers were ordinarily struck wth feare & reuerence if not wth terror. To whom I will ioine another neighbor John Smith M. A. President or vice mr of Magdalen Colledge in Camb. & once Senior proctor of the vniuersity a prouident man & a prudent gouernor of the Colledge, a louer of his countrymen a bountifull benefactor to the Colledge & founding new fellowships & Schollerships & whereby he dyed & shortly after his death John Haworth B. D. a Manchester man also succeeded him one eminently learned & to whom the write hereof (once his pupill) is much indebted!

Anno 1620. Manchester gaue honor to, & receiued honor from Henry Mountague who being before Baron & Bolton & Viscount Maundeuile & Lord president of his maties priuy Councel was created E of Manchester Feb: 7. 1625 hee was afterward Lord priuy Seale

Anno. 1631 the Lord sent his destroying Angell into an inne in Manchester on wch died Richard Meriot & his wife the mr & Dame of the house & all that were in it, or went into it for certaine weekes together till at the last they burned or buried all the goods in the house & yet God in midst of iudgem[t] did remember mercy for no yson else was that yeare touched with the infection.

Anno. 16 About this time there was a difference in opinion betw: mr william Bourne & mr Richard Johnson two fellowes of the Colledge about the nature of sin whether it bee merely priuative or haue any positiue entitie in it, mr Burne maintained the later & mr Johnson the former, wch was so publikely taken notice of that a Popish Priest tooke vppon him to determine the controuersy in writing, & to throw inveigh agst them both & all Protestants because of their diuisions whereas indeed this very controuersy was first hatched amongst the Papists, & it & others of farre greater importance are still amongst them. The Priests writing was examined by R. H.

Anno 1632 Daniel Baker mr A. Rector of Aspleton on mercy banke & fellow of the Colledge hauing on Good friday (as it is called) administred the Lords Supp & being (as it is feared) somewhat ouercharged wth drinke in Salford was found dead in the morning in the water vnder Salford bridge, whether he fell downe of himselfe being a tall man & the battlements thin but low knowne to this day or whether hee was cast downe or put ouer the Bridge it is not certainly of Camb. hanging himselfe on Easter day after, & some other ministers & eminent Professors coming that yeare to an vntimely end, as also the

Anno. 1633. on Newyeares day ~~[illegible]~~ the Mosse
Being of a greate Breadth & ~~Depth~~ 4 or five yards Deepe rose vp out of his
place & travelled towards the Howse of James Knowles & environed it about
carried a Lane stone trough before it, & bore downe trees that stood in the way
but Being afterward somewhat broken with a row of trees before the said
James Knowles Howse, it filled the Brookes & riuers, stew the fish
blacked the water made some fruitfull land Barren.

At ye same tyme ye Sr Cecyl Trafford Kt & Francis Downes Gentl did also mr Goodier
of Little Bolton near Manchester: upon this motive as is related, yt Mr Downes having wrested
Sr Cecyl intending to have brought him back & ye Church by arguments, gave him self vp
to study ye case, & as is reported found such convincing Arguments in behalf of ye Romish
persuasion, yt he forthwith inclined thereto: He Sr Cecyl was what was called in those days
a Puritan, & as a Justice of Peace was a great Persecutor of ye Papists, levying
besyde other severities used by him 20li p head for non attendance each Lords.

Scholcol abour mentiond
thr ~~Cake Consecration~~ ~~Rich Burne~~ distrenes Between thr ministers
seemd to thr Papists especially to those that then were newly revoulted to them
as Sr Cecyl Trafford of Trafford kt & Francis Downes of worldley Esqll
& others signal Evidences of the & prsages of the ruine of the Reformed
Religion.

Anno. 1634 Humfrey Booth of Salford layd thr foundation of Trinity Chappell
in Salford & of his owne cost (Saue that about 200th was given by Sendall
& sons. Sr Alexander Radcliffe of Oardfall 20th Henry wrigley 20th
Robt Pendleton 20th or 40th Charles Haworth 10th John Hartley 12th John
Gaskell 6th Raph Bayley 6th & others (lesser summes) did finish it & endow
it with twenty pounds ~~a yeare~~ Lands pr annū thr sayd Humfrey Booth
being by Gods blessing on his trading made rich, ~~he~~ also gaue to thr poore
of Salford thr first Lands that hee bought to thr value of 20th pr annū
& payd it duely all his life time, hee being in grate weakenesse earnestly
desired that hee might liue to see thr chappell finished wch hee did but
immediately after thr solemne dedication of it by thr Bp of Chester hee more apparently
weakned, then hee Earnestly begged that hee might pr take of thr Lords Supp
there & then hee would ~~desire~~ not wish to liue longer, It pleased God to
restore him in such a measure as that hee was able to goe to thr chappell
constantly till hee was partaker of thr Supp ~~there~~ (wch could not bee done
of some months after the consecration) in thr chappell & was neuer
able to goe forth after, nor scarce to get home. Hee was a man
just in his trading generous in entertainemt of any Gentlemen of quality
that came to thr towne though mere strangers to him. Bountifull to thr
church & poore, faithfull to his friend, & wee hope God gaue him
Both repentance for & remission of his sinns in thr blood of Jesus.

King charles in thr eleventh yeare of his reigne refounded thr Colledge by
thr name of Christs Colledge in manchester &. & appointed Richard
Heyrick warden, Willm Bourne Samuel Bordman Richard Johnson
& Peter Shaw fellowes. In this foundation (to omitt lesser alterations)
~~there~~ thr wardens power is lesse then formerly & thr power of thr fellowes
greater, thr priuiledges of thr tenants aswell as thr power of thr Colledge
straitned, in that leases ~~cannot~~ could bee made onely for 21 yeares not
for three liues ~~such~~ as formerly this kindled a sparke wch afterward
with blowing became a greate flame, & was a meanes to blow vp thr Colledge.
But in thr interim thr warden & fellowes denyed the fellowes & caused thr
fines of thr tenants (many of whom were then out of lease) to bee bestowed
on thr roofe of thr Quire & thr two syde Isles wch then were taken downe
& built vp againe battled & pinnacled in a yea a stately formely manner Anno. 1638.

Anno: 1639 the S^r Cecyl Strafford of Strafford Edmund Ffffelto of Chatterton Esq
& others out of zeale to his ma^ties service & suspecting that sundry in the towne
did much favor the Scots did charge the towne of Manchester with more armes
then ever before within the memory of man & had his charged with wch ware
beeing composed they had their armes in their owne possession.

the inhabitants & others of the towne were by his ma^ties Deputy Lieutenants
allowed to trayne & exercise themselves in feates of armes

when his ma^ty had left the Parliam^t the Warden of Manchester, John Bradshaw
of Bradshaw Esq^r & gentlem & others of the towne very many of the Country resorted to Yorke
to petition his ma^ty to returne to his Parliam^t. wch petition was crossed by
a ~~petition~~ suggestion at the Court that that petition was not the
petition of the County but of a zely & that there would shortly be another petition
a nother petition.

642. the siege of the towne by the E. of Derby.

642 at midsumm the Earle of Derbyes comyg into manchester & raisyg a bargul
made him

643. the towne was fortified & strongly garrisond.

the first Provinciall Assembly was at Preston novemb. 14. 1648. mr Hyde was moderator. mr Geo Scaife as how hath since continued.

the 2d at Preston. mr Herle moderator.

The County Lancaster was by authority of Parliam made a Province & that divided into nine classes the first was called Manchest classis. the 2d Boulton,

Diuers ministers & others named for fryers. as Richard Heyrick John Angier Richard Hollinworth John Harrison. & Robert Hyde, Robert Asherton Thomas Strangewayes &c. enquired of mr Heyrick.

In July 1648. there was a sudden & terrible raine on the Lords day neh in two howrs space filled the sellers in the market place hanging ditch & there Channells ran downe the streetes like great riuers, in some places aboue a Cane deepe.

Hamilton coming in.

1649. the Independents set vp a meeting in the Colledge.

Nouemb. 5. the Chaple house & Colledge & the Colledge clock were broken open & the Colledge deeds were seised on by some Souldiers & sent vp to London.

Febr. 24. 1649 there was seene by hundreds of people in the market place & church-yard three parelij about the sun about ten of the clock before noone, wch vanished away one after another so that at Eleuen of the clocke now were to be seene. I saw two of them my selfe

1650. the ministers & others in the towne & parish beinge assembled to
fast & pray for prevailinge of a new warre.

the former & country beinge generally now engaged new disarmed by the
Governor of Liverpoole

in one John's Pendlebury ground
In Blakeley neere manchester as one was reapinge, the corne beinge cut
dropt fell out of it like to blood. seemed to bleede. multitudes of people went to see it & the straweis there of
thought of a kindly color without were within reddish & as it were bloody

51. the disturbance by Mr Hood see the Diurnall.

the King of Scots passing through this County

the E: of Derbys routing at wigan. by Col. Lilburne.

Captain Boxworks Peddish. pulling in pieces the Proclamation agst. C. St. as it was in proclaymig.

52. the towne dismantelled the walls thrown downe the gates sould or carried away

~~act~~. Sept. 11. 1656 Mr Richard Heyrick was prisoner at London
Mr Herle, Mr Johnson Mr Angier Mr Hollinworth Mr Harrison Mr Geo
Mr Latham Mr Taylor Mr Mather

Esqr Bayuliey of Bromplton

Barlow de Barlow. Birch de Birches. Esqr Sa Birch of Ardwick:
Beck of manchr.

Robt Boothr de Salford Esqr
Byrom de Salford, Gent
Thomas Chetham de Nuthurst, Esqr. Humfrey Chetā de Clayton Esqr founder of the hospitll

Houghs of Hoo Gent.

John. Hartley de Shangwayes Esqr
Hanrah of ~~Denny~~ manchr Esqr
Holland de Denton. Esqr.
William Hulme of manchr Gentl
Hyde de Denton. Esqr.
John Liyalbonne of Salford Esqr.
Edw. moseley de Houghs Baronet.
Lord of manchester.

Jenkinson of Nuthurst. Gent.

Holbrooke of manchr
Gillian of Newton

Nicolas Moseley de Ancoates. Esqr.
Moseley de Colyhurst Gent.

Edw: Prendleton of manchr. Gent.
Adā Pilkington of Salford Gent.
Patrick de Hulme Esqr.

Alex: Radcliffe of Radcliffe Kt of the Bath.
Richard Racliffe of manchr Esqr.

Shacklock of Moston. Gent.
Strangewayes of Gorton Esqr.
Syddal of Slade Gent.
Stanley of Brompton Esqr.
Cecyll Trafford of Trafford Knight.
Worsley of Russhulme.

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* The Town of Manchester has its particular History written by one Rich? Hollingworth, an active Presbyterian Preacher in the beginning of our Civil wars: which may be seen in Mss in their College Library. V. Nicolson's English Historical Library! p. 17.
This Hollingworth was also a Fellow of the Collegiate Ch. in Manchester — & I should suppose, rather a Puritan than a Presbyterian. J.R.


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