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Kings, Her predecessors; so eminent in the practice of that Church, as to be the great Pattern of Religion to all Her people, and so frequent in the Devotions of it, as to rival most of its own Ministers, not to be surpassed by many. All vvhich *Virtues* and *accomplishments* vvith many more (the accounting for vvvhich vvould be unsuitable to the design of this small Treatise) as they have allready rendred Her Majesty the *Darling of England* and *Delight* of the best Part of *Europe*; so, if no unquiet spirits interrupt the progress of Her great designs for the general good of the *World*, the Glories of a Female Reign may at length become the joy and the amazement of the Univerſe.

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Part of an account of the last days of King CHARLES I. of ever blessed memory, vvritten by Sir Thomas Herbert.

(*Wood in Athen. Oxoniens. s. the History of Oxford-Writers, printed at London 1691. Vol. 2, fol. 522.*)

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THe King now (as sentence had been pronounced for his decollation) bidding a farewell to the *World*, his whole business was a serious preparation for *Death*, which opens the door unto *Eternity*. In order thereunto he laid aside all other thoughts, and spent the remainder of his time in *prayers* and other pious ejaculations and exercises of devotion, and in conference with that meeke and learned Bishop before mentioned (*Dr. Juxon. Bs. of London*) who, under God, was a great support and comfort to him in that his afflicted condition. And resolving to sequester himself so, as he might have no disturbance to his *mind*, nor interruption to his *meditations*, he ordered Mr. *Herbert* to excuse it to any, that might have the desire to visit him. *I know* (said the K.) *my Nephew, the Prince Elector, will endeavour it and some other Lords, that love me, which I would take in good part: but my time is short and precious, and I am desirous to improve it the best I may in preparation; I hope, they will not take it ill, that they or any have not access unto me, only my Children: the best office they can do now, is to pray for me.* What he had said, it fell out accordingly: for his Electoral Highness accompanied with *James D. of Richmond, William Marq. of Heriford, Thomas Earl of Southampton, and Mountague E. of Lindsey*, with some others, having got leave, came to the bed-chamber-door, where

re Mr. *Herbert*, pursuant to the King's command, acquainted his Highness and the said Noblemen with what the King gave him in charge, and thereupon they acquiesced, and presented their humble duty to his Majesty with their *prayers*: which done, they returned with hearts full of *sorrow*, as appeared by their faces. The Prince of *Wales* also, then in *Holland*, did by the States Embassadors interceed to the Parliament, and used all possible means to prevent, or at least to defer his Majesties *Execution*, and applied themselves likewise to the Army.

At this time (*Jan.* 30. Mr. *Herbert* should have said) came to St. *James's* *Edm. Calamy*, *Rich. Vines*, *Jos. Caryl*, *Will. Dell*, and some other *London*-Ministers, who presented their duty to the K. with their humble desires to pray with him, and perform other offices of service, if his Majesty would please to accept of them. The K. returned them thanks for their *love* to his soul, hoping, they and all other good subjects would in their addresses to God be mindful of him, but in regard he had made choice of Dr. *luxon*, whom for many years he had known to be a pious and learned *Divine*, and able to administer Ghostly comfort to his soul, suitable to his present condition, he would have none other. The Ministers were no sooner gone, but *John Goodwin*, Minister in *Coleman-street*,

came likewise upon the same account to tender his service, whom the King also thanked and dismiss with the like friendly answer.

Mr. *Herbert* about this time going to the *Cockpit* near *Whitehall*, where the lodgings of *Philipp* Earl of *Pembroke* were, he then, as at sundry times, enquired, how his Majesty did and gave his humble duty to him and withall asked, if his Majesty had the *gold-watch* he sent for, and how he liked it. Mr. *Herbert* assured his Lordship, the K. had not yet received it. The Earl fell presently into a passion, marvell'd there at, and was much troubled, least his Majesty should think him careless in observing his commands, and told Mr. *Herbert*, that at the King's coming to *St. James's* he, as he was sitting under the great elm-tree, near *Sir Ben. Rudyerds* lodge in the Park, seeing a considerable military Officer of the Army going towards *St. James's*, he went to meet him, and demanding of him, if he knew his Cousin, *Thom. Herbert*, that waited on the K. the officer said, he did, and was going to *S. James's*. The Earl then delivered to him the *gold watch*, that had the larme, desiring him to give it to Mr. *Herbert*, to present it to the K. The officer promised the Earl, he would immediately do it. My Lord (said Mr. *Herbert*) I have sundry times seen and past by that officer since, and do assure Your Lordship, he hath not delivered it to me according

to your order and his promise, nor said any thing concerning it, nor has the K. it, I am certain. The Earl was very angry, and gave the officer his due character, and threatned to question him. But such was the severity of the times, that it was judged dangerous to reflect upon such a person, so as no notice was taken of it. Nevertheless Mr. Herbert, at the Earl's desire, did acquaint his Majesty therewith, who gave the Earl thanks, and said: *bad he nor told the officer, it was for me, he would probably have delivered it: he well knew, how short a time I should enjoy it.* This relation is in prosecution of what is formerly mentioned, concerning the *Clock* or *Larm-watch*, which his Majesty would have to lay by Mr. Herberts Pallet to awaken him at the hour in the morning, which his Majesty should appoint, when he was at *Windfore*. The name of this officer Mr. H. told me not, only that he vvas executed after the restauration of K. Charles II. and therefore I take him to be either Major *Harrison*, or Col. *Hacker*.

That evening Mr. *Henr. Seymour*, a Gentl. belonging to the bed-chamber of the Prince of *Wales*, came by Col. *Hacker's* permission (who commanded the Guards at *S. James's*) to his Majesties chamber door, desiring to speak with the K. from the said Prince: and being admitted he presented to the K. a letter from him, dated at the *Hague* 23. *Januar.*

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1648. old stile. At Mr. *Seymour's* entrance he fell into a passion, having seen his Majesty in a glorious, and now in a dolorous state: and having kist the King's hand, he clasped about his legs and mourned in a most lamentable condition. *Hacker* came in with this Gentleman, and beholding these things was very much abash'd. But so soon as his M. had read his *sorrowing* letter, and heard what his servant had to say, and he imparted to him what his M. thought fit to return, the Prince's servant took his leave, and was no sooner gone, but the K. went to his devotion, Dr. *Juxon* praying with him and reading some select chapters out of the sacred *Scripture*: The same evening also the K. took a ring from his finger. having an *emerald* set therein between two *diamonds*, and gave it to Mr. *Herbert*, and commanded him, as late as't was, to go with it from S. *James's* to a Lady, living then in *Canonrow* on the backside of King street in *Westminster*, and to give it to her without saying any thing. The night was exceeding dark, and *Guards* were set in several places, as at the houses, in the gardens, Park, at the gates near *White hall*, in *King-street*, and elsewhere; nevertheless getting the Word from Col. *Matth. Tomlinson* (then there, and in all places, where soever he was about the K. so civil both towards his Majesty and

and such as attended him, as gained him the King's good opinion, and as an evidence thereof gave him his gold *pick-tooth-case*, as he was one time walking in the presence-chamber Mr. *Herbert* passed currently, though in all places, where sentinels were, he was bid stand, till the Corporal had the *Word* from him. Being come to the Lady's house, he delivered her the ring. Sir, (said she) give me leave, to shew you the way in the parlour; where being seated, she desired him to stay, till she returned; in a little time after she came, and put into his hands a little cabinet closed with 3, seals, two of which were the King's arms, and the third was the figure of a Roman: which done, she desired him to deliver it to the same hand, that sent the ring; which ring was left with her: and afterwards Mr. *Herbert* taking his leave, the *Word* served him in his return to the K. at which time he found, that Dr. *Juxon* was newly gone to his lodging in Sir *Henry Henn's* house, near *S. James's* gate. Mr. *Herbert* gave the cabinet into the hands of his Majesty, who told him that he should see it opened next morning. Morning being come, the Bishop was early with the King, and after prayers his Majesty broke the seals and shew'd them, what was contained in the cabinet. There were *Diamonds* and *jewels*, most part broken *Georges* and *Garters*. You see, (said he)

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all the wealth now in my power to give to my children. That day the Bishop preached before the K. on Rom. 2. 16. *In the day, when God shall judge etc.* inferring from thence, that, although God's judgements be for some time deferred, he will nevertheless proceed to a strict examination of what is both said and done by every man. Yea the most hidden things and imaginations of men will most certainly be made to appear at the day of judgement, when the Lord J. C. shall be upon his high Tribunal etc. It may not be forgotten, that Sir Henry Herbert, Master of the Revels and Gentl. in order of his Maj. Privy Chamber (one that cordially loved and honour'd the K. and during the War had suffer'd considerably in his estate by sequestration and otherwise) meeting Mr. Th. Herbert, his kinsman, in S. James's Park, first enquired, how his M. did, and afterwards presenting his duty to him, with assurance, that himself with many others of his M. servants did frequently pray for him, desired that his M. would be pleased to read the second chapter of Ecclesiasticus, for he should find comfort in it, aptly suiting his present condition. Accordingly Mr. Herbert acquainted the K. therewith, who thanked Sir Henry and commended him for his excellent parts, being a good Scholar, Soldier, and an accomplish'd Courier, and for his many years faithful

ful service much valued by the K. who presently turned to that chapter and read it with much satisfaction.

Munday Jan. 29. the Princess *Elizabeth* and the Duke of *Gloucester*, her brother, came to take their sad farewell of the K. their Father and to ask his blessing. The Princess being the elder, was the most sensible of her Royal Father's condition, as appeared by her *sorrowful* look and *excessive weeping*. Her little brother, the Duke, seeing his sister weep, he took the like impression, though, by reason of his tender age, he could not have the like apprehension. The K. raised them both from off their knees, he kist them, gave them his *blessing*, and setting them on his knees, admonished them concerning their duty and loyal observance to the *Queen*, their Mother, the Prince, that was his *Successor*, love to the D. of *York*, and his other Relations. The K. then gave them all his *jewels*, save the *George* he wore, which was cut in an *Onyx* with great curiosity, and set about with 21. fair *Diamonds*, and the reverse set with the like number; and then again kissing his children had such pretty and pertinent *answers* from them both, as drew tears of joy and love from his eyes. And then praying God Almighty to bless them, he turned about, expressing a tender and fatherly affection. Most *sorrowful* was this parting, and the young Prince shedding

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ding tears and crying most lamentable moved others to pity, that formerly were *hard-hearted*. And, at the opening the chamber-door, the K. returned hastily from the *window*, kissed them, blessed them, and so parted. This demonstration of a pious affection exceedingly comforted the K. in this his *affliction*, so that in a grateful return he went immediately to prayer, the good Bishop and Mr. *Herbert* being only present. That day the K. eat and drank very sparingly, most of it being spent in prayer and meditation. It was some hours after night, ere Dr. *Juxon* took leave of the K. who willed him to be early with him the next morning. After Dr. *Juxon* was gone to his lodgings, the K. continued reading and praying more than two hours after. The K. commanded Mr. *Herbert*, to lay by his bedside upon a Pallat, where he took small rest, that being the last night his gracious Sovereign and Master enjoyed. But nevertheless the K. for four hours or there about slept soundly, and awaking about two hours before day, he opened his courtin to call Mr. *Herbert* (there being a great *cake* of *wax* set in a silver bason, that then, as at all other times, burnt all night) and perceiving him to be disturbed in his sleep, called again and bid him rise, for (said his M.) *I will get up, having a great work to do this day*, and then asking *Herbert*, what troubled

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bled him; he told his Majesty; he was dreaming: *I would know your dream*, said the K. which being told, his M. said: *It was remarkable.*

Januar. 30. Tuesday. *Herbert* (saith the King) *this is my second marriage day, I will be as trim to day as may be, for before night I hope to be espoused to my blessed Jesus.* He then appointed what cloaths he would wear. *Let me have a shirt more, than ordinarily* (said the K.) *by reason the season is so sharp, as probably may make me shake, which some observers will imagine, proceeds from fear: I would have no such imputation; I fear not death; death is not terrible to me, I bless God, I am prepared. Death in deed only sets men free from the misery of this world, and breaks asunder the chains of bondage etc.* These or words to the same effect his M. spake to Mr. *Herbert*, as he was making ready. Soon after came Dr. *luxon*, B. of London precisely at the time his Maj. the night before had appointed him. Mr. *H.* then falling upon his knees, he humbly beg'd his Majestie's pardon, if he had at any time been negligent in his duty, while he had the honour to serve him. The K. then gave him his hand to kiss, having the day before been graciously pleased under his Royal hand to give him a *certificate*, expressing, that the said Mr. *Herbert* was not imposed upon him, but by his Maj. made choice of to attend him in his bed-chamber, and had served

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ven him with faithfulness and loyal affection. At the same time his M. delivered to him his *Bible*, in the margin whereof he had, with his own hand, wror many annotations and quotations, and charged him to give it to the Prince of *Wales*, so soon as he returned, repeating, what he had enjoined the Princess *Elizabeth*, his daughter, and that he, the Prince, would be dutiful and indulgent to the *Queen*, his Mother [to whom his M. wrote two days before by Mr. *Seymour*] affectionate to his Brothers and Sisters, who also were to be observant and dutiful to him, their *Sovereign*. And for as much as from his heart he had forgiven his enemies, and in perfect charity with all men would leave this world, he advised the Prince, his Son, to exceed in mercy, not in rigour &c. And as to *Episcopacy* it was still his opinion, that it is of Apostolick institution, and in this Kingdom exercised from the primitive times, and therein, as in all other his affairs, he prayed God to vouchsafe, both in reference to the *Church and State*, a pious and discerning Spirit &c. and that it was his last and earnest request, that the Prince would read the *Bible*, which in all the time of his affliction had been his best instructor and delight, and to meditate upon what he read, as also such other books, as might improve his knowledge &c. He likewise commanded Mr. *Herbert* to give

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his son, the Duke of *Tork*, his large Ring-Sundial of silver, a *jewel* his Majesty much valued: it was invented and made by *Rich. Delamine*, a very able Mathematician, who projected it, and in a little printed book did shew its excellent use in resolving many questions in *Arithmerick*, and other rare operations to be wrought by it in the Mathematics. To the Princess *Elisabeth* he gave the sermons of Dr. *Lanc. Andrews*, sometimes B. of *Winchester* and Prelate of the Garter, Arch-B. *Laud's* conference between him and *Job. Fisher*, the Jesuit, which book (the K. said) would ground her against Popery, and Mr. *Hookers* Ecclesiastical Politie. He also gave him a Paper, to be delivered to the said Pr. *Elisabeth*, to be printed, in which his Majesty asserted *Regal Government to have a divine Right*, with proofs out of fundry Authors, civil and sacred. To the Duke of *Gloucester* he gave K. *James's* Works and Dr. *Hammond's* Practical Catechisme. He gave also to *Mountain* E. of *Lindsey*, L. High Chamberlain, *Cassandra*; his gold-watch to *Mary*, Dutches of *Richmond*: All which, as opportunity served, Mr. *Herbert* delivered. His M. then bid him vvithdraw, which being done, his M. with the Bishop were in private together about an hour; and then Mr. *Herbert* being call'd in, the Bishop went to prayer, and reading the 27. Ch. of the Gospel of S. *Matthiew*,

shew, which relates to the passion of our
 blessed Saviour, the K. after the service was
 done, asked the Bishop: *If he had made choice*
of that Ch. being so applicable to his present con-
dition; the Bish. answer'd: *May it please your*
Majesty, it is the proper lesson for the day, as
appears by the Kalendar. Whereupon his Maj.
 was much affected with it, as so aptly ser-
 ving a seasonable preparation for his death
 that day. His Majesty abandoned all thoughts
 of earthly concerns, continued in prayer
 and meditation, and concluded with a cheer-
 ful submission to the will and pleasure of
 the Almighty, saying: *he was ready to resign him-*
self into the hands of Christ Jesus, and with the
 Kingly Prophet, as 'tis expressed in the 31.
Psalme, vers. 5. into thy hands &c. Col. *Franc.*
Hacker then knocked easily at the King's
 door, but Mr. *Herbert* being within, would
 not stir to ask, vvhho it was, that knock'd:
 At length the Col. knocking the second ti-
 me a little louder, the K. bade him go to the
 door, he guess'd the businets: So Mr. *Herbert*
 demanding, wherefore he knock'd, the Col.
 said, he would speak vvith the K. the K. said:
let him come in. The Col. in a trembling man-
 ner came near, and told his Majesty: *Sir, it is*
time to go to White-hall, where you may have some
further time to rest. The K. bade him go forth,
 and said him: *I will come presently.* Some time
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the good Bishop by the hand, looking upon him with a cheerful countenance, said: *Come let us go*, and bidding Mr. Herbert take with him the *silver Clock*, that hung by his bed-side, said: *Open the door, Hacker hath given us a second warning.*

The K. passed through the garden into the Park, where, making a stand, asked Mr. Herbert the hour of the day, and taking the *Clock* into his hand, and looking upon it, gave it to him, and said: *keep this in memory of me*; which Mr. Herbert kept to his dying day. The Park had several Companies of foot drawn up, who made a guard on each side, as the K. passed, and a guard of *Halberdiers* in company went, some before, and others followed the K. The drums beat, and the noise was so great, as one could hardly hear, what an other spake. Upon the King's right hand went the Bishop, and on the left Col. Mathiew Tomlinson, with whom his Majesty had some discourse by the way, Mr. Herbert was next behind the King and after him the *Guards*. In this manner went the K. through the Park, and coming to the stairs leading into *White-hall*, he passed along through the Galleries to his bed-chamber; where after a little repose, the Bishop went to prayer; which being done, his Majesty bid Mr. Herbert bring him some *bread and wine*; which being brought, the K. broke the *manchet*, and eat a mouth-

mouthful of it, and drank a small glasse full of *Claret*, and then was some time in private with the Bishop, expecting, when *Hacker* would the third and last time give warning. In the mean time his Majesty told Mr. *Herbert*, what *Sattin-Cap* he would use; vvhich being provided, Mr. *Herbert* after prayer addressed himself to the Bishop, and told him, the K. had ordered him to have a *white Sattin-night-cap* ready, but he being not able to endure the sight of the violence, that they vvhould offer to the K. on the *Scaffold*, he could not be there to give it to the K. vvhen he should call for it. The good Bishop bid him then give him the *cap*, and that he should vvait at the end of the *Banqueting-house* near to the *Scaffold*, to take care of the King's body, for (said he) *that and his interment will be our last office*. Col. *Hacker* came soon after to the bed-chamber-door and gave his last signal. The Bishop and Mr. *Herbert* vveeping, they both fell upon their knees: The K. there upon gave them his hand to kisse, and helped the Bishop up, for he vvvas aged. Col. *Hacker* attending still at the chamber-door, the K. took notice of it, and said: *Open the door and bid Hacker go, he would follow him*.

A Guard vvvas made all along the Galleries and the *Banqueting-house*, but behind the Soldiers abundance of men and vvomen crowded in, though vvith some peril to their persons,

sons, to behold the saddest sight, that *England* ever saw: And as his Majesty passed by with a cheerful look, he heard them pray for him: The soldiers did not rebuke any of them, for by their silence and dejected faces they seemed rather afflicted, than insulting. There was a passage broke through the wall of the *Banqueting-house*, by which the K. passed unto the *Scaffold*, where after his Majesty had spoken and declared publicly, that he dyed a *Christian*, according to the profession of the Church of *England* (the contents of which have been several times printed) the fatal stroke was given by a *disguised* person. Mr. *Herbert*, during this time, was at the door leading to the *Scaffold* much lamenting, and the Bishop coming from the *Scaffold* with the *Royal Corps*, which was immediately coffin'd and covered with a *Velvet-Pall*, he and Mr. *Herbert* went with it to the *Back-stairs* to have it embalm'd; and Mr. *Herbert*, after the Body had been deposited, meeting with the Lord *Fairfax*, the General, that person asked him, how the King did? whereupon *Herbert*, being something astonish'd at that question, told him, the K. was beheaded, at which he seemed much surpris'd. The *Royal Corps* being embalmed and well coffin'd, and all afterwards wrapt up in lead, and covered with a new *Velvet-Pall*, it was removed to *St. James's*, where was great pressing by all, forts

sorts of people, to see the King, a doleful spectacle, but few had leave to enter or behold it.

Where to bury the K. vvas the last duty remaining. By some *Historians* 'tis said, the K. spoke some thing to the Bishop, concerning his burial. Mr. *Herbert*, both before and after the King's death, vvas frequently in the company vvith the *Bishop*, and affirmed, that he never mentioned any thing to him of the King's naming any place, where he would be buried: Nor did Mr. *Herbert* (vvho constantly attended his Maj. and after his coming from *Hurst-Castle* was the only person in his Bed-chamber) hear him at any time declare his mind concerning it. Nor was it in his lifetime a proper question for either of them to ask, notwithstanding they had oftentimes the opportunity, especially vvhen his Majesty vvas bequearing to his Royal Children and friends, what is formerly related. Nor did the Bishop declare any thing concerning the place to Mr. *Herbert*, which doubtless he vvould upon Mr. *Herbert's* pious care about it: which being duly considered, they thought no place more fit to inter the Corps, than in the Chappel of K. *Henry VII.* at the end of the Church of *Westm. Abbey*; out of whose Loyns King *Charles I.* was lineally extracted &c. Whereupon Mr. *Herbert* made his application to such, as were then in power, for leave to bury the King's body in the said Chappel

among his *Ancestors*, but his request was denied for this reason, *that his burying there would attract infinite numbers of all sorts thither, to see, where the K. was buried*; which, as the times then were, was judged unsafe and inconvenient. Mr. Herbert acquainting the Bishop with this, they then resolved to bury the King's body in the Royal Chappel of *S. George* within the Castle of *Windsore*, both in regard, that his Majesty was Sovereign of the most noble order of the *Garter*, and that several Kings had been there interred, namely *K. Henry VI. K. Edward IV. and K. Henry VIII. &c.* Upon which consideration Mr. Herbert made his second address to the Committee of Parliament, who, after some deliberation, gave him an order, bearing date 6. Febr. 1648. authorizing him and Mr. *Anth. Mildmay* to bury the King's body there, which the Governor was to observe.

Accordingly the Corps was carried thither from *S. James* Febr. 7. in a Hearse covered with black *Velvet*, drawn by six horses covered with black *Cloth*, in which were about a dozen *Gentlemen*, most of them being such, that had vvaited upon his Majesty at *Carisbrook-Castle* and other places, since his Majesties going from *Newcastle*. Mr. Herbert shewed the Governor, Col. *Witchcot*, the Committee's order for permitting Mr. Herbert and Mr. *Mildmay*

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may to bury him, the late King, in any place within *Windfore-Castle*, that they should think fit and meet. In the first place in order thereunto they carried the King's body into the *Dean's* house, which was hung with black, and after to his usual bed-chamber within the *Pallace*. After which they went to *St. George's Chap.* to take a view thereof, and of the most fit and honourable place for the *Royal Corps* to rest in. Having taken a view, they at first thought, that the *Tomb-house* built by *Card. Wolsey* would be a fit place for his interment, but that place, tho' adjoyning, yet being not within the *Royal Chappel*, they waived it: For if *K. Henry VIII.* was buried there (albeit to that day the particular place of his burial was unknown to any) yet in regard his Maj. *K. Charles I.* (who was a real *Defender* of the *Faith*, and as far from censuring any that might be) would upon occasional discourse expresse some dislike in *K. Henry's* proceedings in misemploying those vast Revenues the suppressed *Abbeys, Monasteries* and other religious houses were endowed vwith, and by demolishing those many beautiful and stately structures, which both expresse the greatness of their *founders*, and preserv'd the splendor of the *Kingdom*, which might at the *Reformation* have in some measure been kept up and converted to sundry pious uses.

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Upon consideration thereof, those *Gentl.* declin'd it, and pitched upon the Vault, where *K. Edward IV.* had been inter'd, being on the *North side* of the *Choir*, near the *Altar*, that *K.* being one his late Majesty vvould oftentimes make honourable mention of, and from whom his *Maj.* was lineally propagated. That therefore induced *Mr. Herbert* to give order to *N. Harrison* and *Henr. Jackson* to have that vault opened, partly covered with a fair large *Stone of Touch* raised within the *Arch* adjoyning, having a range of iron bars gilt, curiously cut according to *Church-work* &c. But as they were about this work, some *Noblemen* came thither, namely the *Duke of Richmond*, the *Marq. of Hertford*, the *Earl of Lindsey*, and with them *Dr. Juxon*, *B. of London*, who had license from the *Parliament* to attend the *King's* body to his *Grave*. Those *Gentl.* therefore, *Herbert* and *Mildmay*, thinking fit to submit and leave the choice of the place of burial to those great persons, they in like manner viewed the *Tomb-house* and the *Choir*, and one of the *Lords* beating gently upon the *Pavement* vvith his staff, perceived a hollow sound, and thereupon ordering the stones and earth to be removed, they discovered a descent into a Vault, vvhere two *Coffins* vvere laid near one an other, the one very large of an antick form, and the other little. These they supposed to be the

the bodies of K. *Henry VIII.* and Queen *Jane Seymour*, his third wife, as indeed they were. The Velvet Palls, that covered their *Coffins*, seemed fresh, though they had laid there above 100. years.

The Lords agreeing, that the King's body should be in the said Vault interr'd, being about the middle of the Chaire, over against the eleventh stall upon the *Sovereign's* side, they gave order to have the King's *Name* and *Year* he died, cut in lead; which whilst the *Work men* were about, the Lords went out and gave *Puddifant*, the Sexton, order to lock the Chappel-door, and not suffer any to stay therein till farther notice. The Sexton did his best to clear the Chappel; nevertheless *Isaac*, the Sexton's man, said, that a *Foot-Soldier* had hid himself, so as he was not discerned; and being greedy of prey, crept into the Vault and cut so much of the Velvet-Pall, that covered the *great-body*, as he judged would hardly be missed, and vvimbled also a hole through the said Coffin, that was largest, probably fancying, *that there was some thing worth his adventure.* The Sexton at his opening the door espied the sacrilegious person, vvho being searched, a *bone* was found about him, vvith vvhich he said he vvould haue a knife. The Governor being therefore informed of, he gave him his *reward*, and the Lords and others present were convinced

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ced, that a Real body vvas in the said great Coffin, vvhich some before had scrupled. The *Girdle* or circumscription of capital Letters of lead, put about the King's Coffin, had only these vvords: KING CHARLES, 1648.

The King's body vvas then brought from his bed-chamber down into *S. George's Hall*, vvhence, after a little stay, it vvas vvith a *slow* and *solemn* pace (much sorrow in most faces being then discernable) carried by Gentlemen of quality in *mourning*. The Noblemen in mourning also held up the *Pall*, and the Governor vvith several Gentl. and officers and attendants came after. It vvat then observed, that at such time, as the King's body vvas brought out from *S. George's Hall*, the *Sky* vvas serene and clear, but presently it began to *snow*, and the *snow* fell so fast, that by that time, the Corps came to the vvest end of the Roval Chappel, the black Velvet Pall vvas all *white* (the colour of innocence) being thick covered over vvith *snow*. The body being by the bearers set down near the place of burial, the B. of *London* stood ready with the Service-book in his hands, to have performed his last duty to the K. his Master, according to the order and form of burial of the dead, set forth in the book of *Common Prayer*; vvhich the Lords likewise desired, but vvould not be suffered by Col. *Whitchcor*, the Governor
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nor of the Castle, by reason of the *Director*,
to vvhich (said he) he and others vvereto
be conformable. Thus vvent the *White King*
to his Grave in the 48. year of his age and
22. year and 10. month of his Reign. To let
passe *Merlin's* prophecy, vvhich some allude
to the *White Sattin* his Majesty wore, vvhén
he vvas crowned in *Westm. Abbey*, former
Kings having on *Purple-Robes* at their Coro-
nation, I shall conclude this narrative with
the King's own excellent expression, run-
ning thus: *Crowns and Kingdoms are not so*
valuable, as my honour and reputation. Those
must have a period with my life, but these survive
to a glorious kind of Immortality, when I am dead
and gone, a good Name being the embalming of
*Princes, and a sweet consecrating of love and gra-
titude amongst Posterity.*

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Right, but could have shifted his sails to
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