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A Diary of the Marches and Moovings of his Ma<sup>ties</sup>  
Royall Army, Himselſe being personally present.

Beginning April 10, 1644, ymediately after the Battayle  
at Alresford, which was 29 of March, 1644.

Ending with the Ruine of two great Armyes commanded  
by Robert Devereux late Earle of Essex,  
and Sir William Waller.

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[The Author here gives "A Table of the Shires and parish Churches in this  
Booke: wherein any thing worth observacion was found concerning Armory,"  
but which it is conceived will be better arranged in a general Index.]

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KNIGHTS BATCHELORS made by the KING in this march, A.D. 1644.

At Worcester :—

Sir Martin Sandys,<sup>a</sup> Col. June 12.

Sir \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>b</sup> mayor of Worcester.

At Evesholme [Evesham] :—

Sir [John] Knotsworth, Colonel, and governor of Evesholme.

Neare Banbury in the feild :—

Sir Robert Howard,<sup>c</sup> fourth son to the Earl of Berks, June 29.

Sir Thomas Hooper,<sup>d</sup> Leift.-Col. of Dragoons, eod.

At Exeter :—

Sir Hugh Crocker, then Mayor, July 26 or 27.

At Crediton in co. Devon :—

Sir Thomas Basset,<sup>e</sup> 27 July.

Sir Joseph Wagstaffe,<sup>f</sup> eod.

Sir Henry Carye, eod.

At Boconnock in Cornwall, Lord Mohun's howse :—

Sir James Cobb, Aug.

Sir John Arundel of Lanreath,<sup>g</sup> under age, being a ward, which frees his wardship, Aug.

Sir Charles Trevanion,<sup>h</sup> of Carhese, Cornwall, Aug.

Sir Francis Basset,<sup>i</sup> high Sheriff of Cornwall, Aug.

List of Knights in MS. M. 5, Coll. Arm. :—

- <sup>a</sup> Colonel of a regiment of Foot in the city of Worcester.
- <sup>b</sup> Sir Daniel Tyas.
- <sup>c</sup> Knighted at Cropredy Bridge.
- <sup>d</sup> Knighted for taking Wemes the Scot (General of Sir William Waller's Artillery) prisoner at Cropredy Bridge.
- <sup>e</sup> Brother to Sir Francis, General of the Ordinance to Prince Maurice.
- <sup>f</sup> Major-General to the army under the conduct of Prince Maurice in the West.
- <sup>g</sup> At Liskeard, 3rd of August.
- <sup>h</sup> Knighted at Crediton, July 30th.
- <sup>i</sup> Knighted at Crediton ; a Cornishman, Governor of St. Michael's Mount.

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Neare Listithiel [Lostwithiel], in the feild:—

Sir Edward Brett,<sup>a</sup> Aug. 31.Upon Redheath neare Newbery [? *hodie* Snelsmore Common]:—

Sir John Boys, Governor of Denington Castle, Octob. 2.

The unfortunate **BATTAILE** of **ALRESFORDE** in the Countie of Southt. was fought on Friday, 29th of March, 1644.

The King marched out of Oxford Aprill the tenth 1644, being Tuesday. That night he lay at Childerley [Childrey,] an ancient howse, now the Lady Fetyplas<sup>b</sup> lives in it, com. Berks. Divers ancient matches of that family in the hall windowes and the chapel. His troope quartered at Wantage, two myles nearer Oxford, and twelve myles from Oxford. Lord Bernard<sup>c</sup> lay at Sir George Wilmott's<sup>d</sup> howse neare Wantage. Vide Wantage Church, *alibi*.<sup>e</sup>

Wednesday, the King's army appeared at the rendesvouz neare Awborne, five myles short of Marlborowe. The King lay that night at Marlborough, the howse of the Lord Seymour's.

The troope quartered at Ogborne, a myle from thence. Lord Bernard lay at Mr. Goddard's, a man of four or 500<sup>li</sup> per ann. A small village. Thursday the King dyned at an inne in Wantage, and came that night to Oxford.

April 17, 1644. Being Wednesday in the afternoone, the Queene marched to Abingdon from Oxford, lay there that night, and the next morning went on to Lamborne, so for Bristoll.

The King's troope attending of her that night, and carried her

<sup>a</sup> In the field at the pursuit of the Earl of Essex's army, Captain of the Queen's troop.

<sup>b</sup> This was Anne, relict of Sir Edmund Fettiplace, and daughter of Sir Roger Alford. She died in 1651.

<sup>c</sup> Lord Bernard Stuart was Captain of the King's troop, to which the writer belonged.

<sup>d</sup> He married Margaret, daughter of Richard Aldworth, Citizen of London, and resided at Charlton.

<sup>e</sup> He alludes, no doubt, to a volume of Church Notes, but which form no part of the Diary

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out of towne; then came to Oxford with the King. As we marched in Abi[ngdon] I saw a tall stout fellow, whose haire was all matted in elfe locks, very long, and his beard so too, though not so large. His nose cutt or eate off.

This coate at Abingdon, in the howse where Mr. Parme lives, which Dr. Tucker<sup>a</sup> owes (owns).

Vert, on a bend engrailed argent three hearts gules; impaling, Or, a chevron between three apples or. *Crest*, on a wreath of the colours, out of a ducal coronet or, a heart gules. [TOOKER impaling SOUTHBY.]

Thursday 16 May, 1644. The King marched from Oxon to Reading, his whole army being there, and the workes there then slightinge.

The King lay that night at Cowley howse, belonging to Hampden in right of his wife. Vachell.

Cowley howse. In the dyning-roome windowes<sup>b</sup>—

Bendy of six ermine and azure, VACHELL. Impaling, Per pale azure and gules, three saltires counter-changed, LANE.<sup>c</sup>

Quarterly, 1 and 4, VACHELL; 2 and 3, Argent, a chevron sable between three [cocks gules, COCKWORTHY or COCKWORTH, co. Devon.]

VACHELL,<sup>d</sup> impaling, quarterly, 1 and 4, Azure, semée of cross-crosslets or, a cross cercelé voided: 2 and 3, Argent, on a chevron three roses gules, KNOLLYS.

VACHELL,<sup>e</sup> impaling, Gules, on a chevron argent a lion rampant sable, crowned or, BROOKE. *Crest*, for VACHELL, a neat's foot coupéd argent, hooped or.

<sup>a</sup> Charles Tucker or Tooker, D.C.L. He married Christian, daughter of Richard Southby of Carswell, co. Berks. He was of the family of the Tookers of Maddington, co. Wilts., and was of Oriell coll. Oxford. He died 1659. C. 8, f. 119, Coll. Arm.

<sup>b</sup> All this glass has disappeared. The old house was pulled down; but there are on some portions of the remaining walls the dates 1553 and 1567.

<sup>c</sup> Sir Thomas Vachell married 2dly, Sarah, daughter of Sir William Lane, of Horton, co. Northampton.

<sup>d</sup> This was Letitia, 3d wife of Sir Thomas Vachell, and daughter of Sir Francis Knollys of Reading, brother to William Earl of Banbury. She subsequently became the second wife of Hampden, as mentioned in the Diary, and died in 1666.

<sup>e</sup> Sir Thomas Vachell married, 1st, Alice, daughter of Hugh Brooke.

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In the Hall windowes are these :

VACHELL, with this motto: "It is better to suffer then revenge."

*Crest*, on a mound vert, between two wings erect azure, charged with four bezants, a cow passant argent, collared sable, to the collar a bell pendent, udder gules.

Vachell, in allusion to Vacca.

Adjoyning to this new built howse is the ancient habitation, but very small, which now is used as the outhowse.

In the kitchen windowes are these two shields, older than all the former:—

Argent, three pales wavy sable, on a chief gules a saltire or.

VACHELL.

On Friday the 17th the King marched with his whole army from the Leager neare Reading, through Inglefield, where in the church are these old shields:—

Barry of six gules and argent, on a chief or a lion passant azure, ENGLEFIELD.

"South window, Church."

ENGLEFIELD. "This old in the North W. Church."

"This coate in this forme South side of. . ." Here is sketched a quaintly-shaped shield or tabard bearing, Sable, six martlets 3, 2, and 1, or. [? ROSSELL.]

"This in the same North window aforesaid." ENGLEFIELD.

This quartering is in the East window of the North yle of the chancel."

A shield, bearing, Quarterly, 1 and 4, ENGLEFIELD; 2 and 3, Sable, a fess between six martlets, three and three, or, [ROSELL.] *Crest*. On a wreath, a double-headed eagle displayed per pale gules and azure.

Orate\* pro aia . . . Inglefeld, &amp;c. 1514 or thereabouts, as I remember."

Divers other coates of armes, but time would not suffer me to take them.

Under the south wall of the south yle of the church, under an arch, lyes the portrait of a man in compleate armor, crosse-leggd

\* This inscription was in English; the following one in Latin, but not beginning "Orate." Vide C. 12. Coll. Arm.

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his shield on his arme. The coate of Inglefeild had beene fairely painted on his breast.

Upon a flatt stone neare the south dore of the church, the effigies of a man in brasse, and an inscription; thus as I can remember:—

Orate . . . Englefeild, armigeri, qui obiit . . . M.V<sup>c</sup>.

Betweene the chappel and the north yle aforesaid, stands a faire tombe of blew marble, arched at the east end, inlayed in brasse; the statues of a knight kneeling. Upon his surcoate, his armes and match. On hers, her armes, and the coat of Inglefeild, and his match between them in brasse too.<sup>a</sup> The inscription was faire, and was for a knight of the name. 1500, &c.

In the aforesaid east window, north yle, and written under.

Quarterly, ENGLEFIELD and ROSSELL, impaling, Gules, on a chevron argent three bars gemels sable, THROCKMORTON.

Three or four flat stones of the same family. One new faire erected monument against the north wall of the said yle;

A shield noted as “with several quarterings,” but none given, impaling, on a bend cotised, three lions passant, BROWNE.

This family lived ever in man's remembrance till Queen Elizabeth's dayes. He was accused and dyed for treason.<sup>b</sup>

The manor howse is neare the church, a lofty and faire seate; and a faire parke well wooded neare it, belonging to it.

Now the howse of the Lord Marquesse of Winchester.

From Inglefeild the King and the army marched by Bradley, in the same county.

Where, neare the church, and by the roade, is a faire large and antique manor howse, now the seate of Captaine Stafford, a young

<sup>a</sup> All these brasses were gone when I visited this church about 1827. They are all noticed by Ashmole as existing; and, as he commenced his Visitation in 1664 and concluded it in 1666, the Cromwellians, who are always accused of having perpetrated such spoliations, are, in this case, most clearly exonerated.

<sup>b</sup> Sir Francis Englefield was indicted for treason, fled the kingdom, was outlawed, and attainted 28 Eliz., when his estates were seized by the Crown. He died at Valladolid about the year 1592.

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gent.<sup>a</sup> The hall, parlor, &c. were adorned with severall matches of that family.

Or, a chevron gules, charged with a crescent for difference, a canton ermine. [STAFFORD].

Same coat, impaling, Paly of six argent [or] and gules, on a chief azure a lion passant gardant or. [LANGFORD<sup>b</sup>].

STAFFORD, with an impalement, but the charges obliterated.

From thence to Compton, which is the beginning of the Downes in the way from Reading to Wantage. Here, on the top of the playne hills, was the rendsevouz of the whole army that Saterdag. The King returned home to Oxford that night.

Round about the King's chessboard this verse:—

Subditus et Princeps istis sine sanguine certent. 1643.

Munday, the 27 of May, the rebels possessed themselves of Abbingdon.

Tuesday they faced at Cumner and Ilsley (Iffley), a myle from Oxford.

Wednesday the 29. We scouted beyond Cumner, and mett with some of them; none hurt of either side. Thursday, a great body of foote of them appeared upon Ballington greene; some bodyes of their horse and many of their scoutes appeared on the hill, neare neare the city of Oxford on the east side. Divers of us went out and mett them, singly. One Captayne Bennet of ours slayne.

Friday 31. The King went out of Oxford at the north gate to Wolvercote. The Lord B[ernard] and the King's troope went neare the Mill at Islep, where our army kept them from coming over. That day, Sir Jacob Ashley kept them off. And the next, and on Sunday, with losse of six or little more men too.

Sunday 2 June. At one of the clocke in the afternoone, the King, accompanied with his troope, &c. went to Woodstock and killed two bucks, and supt there.

<sup>a</sup> This was probably Edward Stafford, son of Sir Edward Stafford, knt. by Mary, daughter of Sir William Forster, of Aldermaston, co. Berks, knight.

<sup>b</sup> This is the coat of Langford of Bradfield, from which family, and who had previously inherited it from the De la Beches, the Staffords derived it.

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Newes came at ten of the clock at night, that Waller was at New bridge, with all his force, consisting of 10,000, and that 150 horse were on Oxfordshire side, come over.

Wee marched towards O.; lay in the feild by the way. Our soldjers hung lighted matches at the mill and bridge neare Islip to cheate Essex, and so fairely left the place, the enemy shooting many times that night at the matches in vayne. Wee came safe to O. that Munday morning, brought all the King's army safe to Oxford; and that day, many of our foot and horse went towards Abingdon, with our cannon and cariages, which made Waller hast from Newbridge to Abingdon. At nine of the clock that night, the King with all his army lay in the feild at Wolvercote, marched without a cannon between New bridge and Woodstock, and left Witney on the left hand; so to Burford, a long stree and one church, where the King's troope refreshed themselves at Mr. William Lenthall's howse in that towne,<sup>a</sup> and that night marched to Morton-super-aquas.

Wednesday 5 of June. The King and all his army marched over Cotswold downes and Brodway hills, and came to Evesham, his owne garrison, where young Colonel Knotsforth was governour; which was the first night's rest of our army.

Thursday morning the bridge was pulled up, and Knotsford commanded to stay till he saw the enemy, of whom wee heard (by one of their captaynes who was taken scowting that morning neare Brodway) that Waller was at Brodway with all his army. Evesham being slighted.

The King marched with all his army to Worcester that night, being twelve myles the worst way. A woody and durty country.

Pershere bridge was pulld downe by our forces, because Waller should not follow, and forty of our men lost. The bridge fell from under them into the river.

This Knotsworth was knighted at Buckingham.

<sup>a</sup> This was the house, now partly pulled down, which belonged to Lord Falkland, and was purchased by Speaker Lenthall.



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## EVESHOLME, co. Gloucester.

Two parish churches within this mayor towne both in one churchyard, Al-Saints and St. Lawrence.

Alhallowes [*i. e.* All Saints] Church in Evesholme, more eastward placed in the churchyard.

These are in very old glasse in the north yle window of this church:

Argent, two bars gules, a canton of the last.

Barry of six, or and azure, an inescoccheon argent, on a chief of the first two pallets between two esquires of the second, [MORTIMER].

Argent [or], two bends gules, [SUDELEY].

Gules, a fess argent, on a chief gules two mullets pierced of the field or.

East window of the church:

Gules, six martlets argent, 3, 2, and 1.

A deepe stone cutt for a coffyn, with a place for the head, lyes in the chancel.

North window north yle:

Gules, three human legs armed conjoined argent, [ISLE OF MAN].

In this church stands an old organ case.

Upon a flat stone the picture of a man and woman in brasse:

Orate pro aīa Rob'ti Willys et Agnetis  
ux'is ejus; quor' a. p. d. a.

Another—

Hic jacet Johēs Okley, quondam mercator ville de  
Evesh<sup>m</sup>, qui obiit viij. die Junii 1596; (*sic.*) cujus a. p. d. a.

Carved on an old stone in the south yle of the church:

Azure, three bishop's mitres or; in chief, chevron-wise, a chain of 24 square links, at the dexter end thereof a ring, at the sinister a padlock of the second, [ABBAY OF EVESHAM, but incorrectly drawn].

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South yle, west window, this coate, old :

Gules, two keys in saltire or.

In an old roome adjoyning to the north side of the church these two in old glasse :

Azure, a chain chevron-wise, at the dexter end thereof a ring, at the sinister a padlock or, between three bishop's mitres of the second, [ABBEY OF EVESHAM].

Gules, two keys in saltire or.

#### WORCESTER, June 6, 1644.

Wherein is the cathedral, and a colledge adjoyning for a deane and ten prebends, worth 80*l.* a peice per annum; ten petty cannons; ten singing men; ten singing boyes; forty king's schollars.

The bishop's pallace is neare the cathedral.

Parish churches tenn.

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| 1. St. Peter's.   | 6. St. Andrewes.  |
| 2. St. Michael's. | 7. Alsaints'.     |
| 3. St. Alban's.   | 8. St. Clement's. |
| 4. St. Ellen's.   | 9. St. Nicholas.  |
| 5. St. Swithin's. | 10. St. Martin's. |

All within the walls.

Four gates. Sidbury gate, towards Evesham, which is the east gate. 2. The Bridge gate, which is the west gate, and goes towards Hereford. 3. North gate, called the Fore gate, which leads to Yorke. 4. St. Martin's gate, towards Warwick, north-east.

The city is governed by—a maior, recorder, six aldermen in scarlet gownes. All that are aldermen and have beene maiors do weare scarlet.

Twenty-four of the grand council, in purple gownes faced with sathan. Forty-eight of the common council, all in purple gownes faced with sathan.

Two coroners; one sheriffe; one towne clerk.

All the officers chosen once a yeare.