Rect^r., Dr. Crewe, was made Bishop of Oxford. I being then at London I waited upon him, & offered him my Service to wait upon downe to Oxford, w^ch he accepted of, Haveing horses & a Servant in the towne, but he made me ride most part of the way in his Charett.

Til we came to y^e ffoot of Shotover hill, where y^e ffellows of Lincoln Coll. came to meet him, Mr. Major, then Subrector, was invited to come into y^e Charett & I took my horse again. Upon w^ch a memorable Accident Hapened.

Mr. Major being invited by my L^d to goe into y^e Charett, Mr. Lacourt of Somersetshire, my Lords Secretary, a ffellow of Lincoln Coll., was to mount on Mr. Major's Horse, w^ch was a Horse used to Raceing. Mr. La Court was no sooner on y^e saddle but y^e Horse showed himselfe too mettlesome for Mr. Lacourt's Rideing, he cried out for helpe & with some difficulty Safely Dismounted again.

I, being rather too ventureous, offered him my Horse, & undertook the management of the Racer. I was no sooner up, but the horse began again to caper, Show^d himself Ready for a Course. I did not discourage him, but gave him the Reignes. Away he went with me as Swift as Litening, cross the common. But, soon after, I perceived a Great & Broad Ditch before me, I began to see some danger if he proceeded in that carrier, So I Tryed to stop him, but in vain, he neir would Stop nor turn, though I brought his head quite about to my Saddle Bow.

So I considered, if we must needs have a Leap, it were best the horse Saw where he leaped then fall into it, without seeing where or how. So I sleckened the Reignes, & when y^e horse saw his Danger as well as mine, he stopped just at y^e Brink, And then returned gently to my Lords Coach, who was concerned to see my Danger.

The Ditch was a Broad Dry ffose, I think made in the Time of the civil warre, perhaps when K: C: I. was besieged at Oxford.

I Praised God for this Escape out of Danger, & my Lord Bishop was Recieved by the University with all Joy & Respect & Imaginable Splendour.

In the compass of these Three years, from Mich'as 1670, I think it was the Summer '72 or '73, I was advised by Mr. Adderley to court a young Lady in Oxfordshire. Her name was ——. She was an Heiress, & Lived with her Mother at Middletonstony.

I had seen her at London, by the one Mr. Atkins, a Relation, & by his Daughters assurerances of entertainment. Upon that account I put myselfe in equipage to goe to wait on her at her house. I carried a Long with me a Jewell, I was to give Old Pargiter 300*li* for it, if I Succeeded, or to Return it if I ffailed, As also a Gold Watch, & besides, silver, 20 Guineas.

I came theither from London, in one day, early, And was civily Recieved & Lodged there. But was told by the Mother that her Daughter was Engaged, & so w^d not admitt me to see her Daughter, w^ch was a mortification to a young man; & Because I found myselfe ill used by Her Relations at London, if they knew her to be pre-engaged.

After one days Stay I went thence to Oxon, and stayed some days with my Tutor at Lincoln Coll. But now I began to be sensible of the risque I were Like to Run in my Return to London, by reasone of y^e Jewell &