THE DOMESTIC CHRONICLE OF THOMAS GODFREY, ESQ.

THE following domestic history was written by Thomas Godfrey, Esquire, successively of Winchelsea, Halling in Kent, St. Giles's Cripplegate, and Hoddiford, in the parish of Sellinge, near Romney, M.P. for New Romney, and father of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, the Westminster magistrate murdered in the year 1678, is here printed from a transcript in the MS. Lansdowne, 235. It appears to have been commenced in 1608, and continued to 1655. He died in 1664.

Jan. 21st 1608.

Thomas Godfrey, the second son of Thomas Godfrey of Lidd, in Kent.

I was borne the third of January 1585, according to my father's book; my mother's name was Elizabeth, sole daughter and heir of Mich. Pix, of Ashford, sometime Jurat of Folkstone, where my mother was borne, and also Jurat of Hith; from whence he went Bailif to Yarmouth. He had a dwelling also at Faversham, at Deale, Burie in Suffolk, at St. Catherine's White Chappell in London, at Kingsnorth (*blank*), and at Elam, in Kent, where he was buried.[a] My mother died in the year 1589, and was buried at Detling, in Kent, whither shee went to be a wittness to one of my cousin John Epps his children. She left behind her myselfe and my sister Elizabeth, since married to John Nethersole,[b] of Nethersole, in Kent, gent. After

[a] The following epitaph to our diarist's maternal grandfather was copied by Parsons from a brass plate on the floor of Elham church:

"Here Michell Pyx interred lyes,
Of Folkstone mayor and Hith,
Bayly to Yarmouth once he was
Long time before he died.
His only sonne he left behind,
Who Thomas hath to name,
With blubber'd cheeks and pensive mind
He caused to wright the same.

"He decesed the xxv. of September, anno 1601, being of the age of lxx. years." Parsons's Monuments in Kent, p. 380. By "Bayly to Yarmouth," is meant an officer who was sent to Yarmouth from the Cinque Ports for the general regulation of the herring fishery, and remained there, whilst the free fair lasted, for a period of forty days. See a note upon this subject, in Manship's History of Great Yarmouth, edited by Charles John Palmer, Esq. F.S.A., 4to. 1847, p. 102.

[b] Brother to Sir Francis Nethersole, afterwards Secretary of State to the Queen of Bohemia. See hereafter, p. 458.

my mother's death I lived from my father with my aunt Berrie untill I was eight years old; from whence I went to Challock, to the grammar schooll, with Mr. John Lancashire my schoollmaster, and boarded with my uncle Sorlis Hawker (whose wife was sister by my mother's side to my father's first wife, whose name was Mary Partridge, by whom he had only my brother Peter),[c] where I staid about some seven years; from whence I went in the year 1599 to St. John's in Cambridge, where I was twelve months Pensioner, and afterwards Fellow Commoner, Mr. Robert Spalding my first tutor, Mr. Peter Benlos my second, who, after he had been Batchellor of Divinity and senior of the house, left England, and turned Jesuit. My abode there was some three years and better; from whence I was admitted to the Middle Temple, where my chamber was the middle lower chamber on the left hand in Brick Court. Whence, after I had been about some three years, my father recommended me to the Right honourable the Earl of Northampton, Baron of Marnhill, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Lord Privy Seale, one of the Earl Marshall's commissioners, and likewise for the office of Lord Treasurership, Knight of the Garter, and one of his Majesties Privy Counsell, Henry, brother to the late Duke of Northfolk, and Stuart of Oxford, on whom I attended as one of his gentlemen in ordinary for the space of two years; from whence, by reason of my marriage (on Ascention day, being the 5 May, 1609, in St. Catherine's by the Tower) with MARGARET, the sole daughter of William Lambard, of Greenwich, Esq. one of the Masters of the Chancery,[d] I retired myselfe into the country, and lay for one yeare at sojourne with Mr. Robert Bowler, of Winchelsea, in the county of Sussex, gent. in whose house my first child, being a son,[e] was borne in anno 1609, March the 27th, being Monday, betweene 4 and 5 in the afternoone, and was christened the ninth of Aprill, being Palm Sunday, in the forenoone, the witnesses were, my wife's brother, Sir Multon Lambard, Knt., and my father and

[c] See his descendants in the Visitation of Kent (or Berry's Kentish Genealogies, p. 146).

[d] The author of the Perambulation of Kent.

[e] This son, Lambard Godfrey, was afterwards Recorder of Maidstone. "March 20, 1670-1. Lambert Godfrey, once Recorder of Maidstone, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Godfrey, of Kent, by his first wife, died this day; buried at Westminster April 1 following." Smyth's Obituary, (printed for the Camden Society.) p. 90.

mother, and my brother Peter's wife. He was named *Lambard* after Sir Multon's sirname. Mem^dm. That my son was nurs'd by Mr. Boteler's son's wife, in the Camber Castle.

On Sunday the 30th of Aprill, 1609, I was made a freeman of Winchellsea, no one man giving his voice against me. And on Tuesday after, I was (together with Mr. Thomas Greene) imploy'd by the corporation, who allowed us 5*s.* a peese per diem to goe to London, to our Lord Warden, to deliver a pettision from them, and to make intersession for them in their disobeying of the Lords of the Councell lately concerning the ellection of theire Mayor; at which time we brought down from my lord the orders of succession in that office. And at the next assembly, being the ninth of May, 1609, according to those orders, I was sworne a Jurat, William Bishop being Mayor; in which orders it was commanded, that, notwithstanding though Mr. Farmer and Mr Cooper had been long on the bench, yett Mr. Greene and myselfe were to take the place of them, and to be mayors in succession before them; and then likewise was it decided that thoe Mr. Eglistone had been a Jurat formerly, yett he was to come after Mr. Boteler, who was elected together with him, the second time, that he was called and sworne before him, for it was decreed by the Lords of the Councell, that Eglistone cou'd have no relation to his being a Jurat formerly, in respect that he waved the bench voluntary.

The 16th of June, 1609, being one of the auditors, who for that purpose were chosen at an assembly before wee took the accompts of the old, the chamberlanes who were in the year that Mr. White was mayor; viz. William Rayman and Abedingo Standen, at the house of Thomas Cobb, at the sign of the Square, whose receipts for that year upon true account came to 303*l.* 18*s.* 8*d. q.*, and their payments 184*l.* 6*s.* 2*d. ob.*, besides 20*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* that they received in allowances, for the rest was 99*l.* 4*s.* 2*d. ob. q.*

At the Brotherhood held this year at Romney, Mr. White was fined 10*l.* for returning of Mr. Cooper a Jurat into the king's when he was mayor, and for other speeches which he had used against the brotherhood.

In the town of Winchellsea, within the walls, there have been three churches; viz. St. Thomas, now standing, and St. Giles's, ruinous, within the liberties, and St. Leonard's extra libertates.

The town seal is to seale on both sides; of one side is carved

the shippes and the three lyons passant, in a little scutcheon, and the circumscription, "Sigillum Baronum, &c." but on the other is carved two churches joyned togeather, with certaine imagerie, and the scutcheon as aforesaid with this circumscription:

"ÆGIDIO THOME LAUDEM PLEBS CANTIA PROME,
NE SIT IN ANGARIA GREX SUUS AMNE VIA." [e]

My father sent three of us his sons successively to St. John's in Cambridge, where we were all of us fellow-commoners. We gave a white silver pott to the colledge, of about a 12 pound price. Our arms engraved upon it, with this ænigma: "Petrus, Thomas, et Richardus Godfrey hujus Collegii Alumni, oriundi de Lidd in agro Cantiano, quorum Pater est Tho. Godfrey armiger, cui horum alter-uter est primo-genitus." [f]

I came from Mr. Boteler's to housekeeping, in a house that I took of Mr. Raynolds in Winchellsea, who had it in right of his wife, who was Mr. Thomas Egliston's widdow, the 29th of January, 1609.

There was returned to the Brotherhood and Guesling holden at New Romney the 24th July, 1610, from Winchelsea, Mr. Robert Boteler, gent. mayor of the town, Mr. John Egliston, gent., myself, and Mr. Francis Whitton, gent. Jurats of the same town; Thomas Isted, gent. common clerk; William Wymond, chamberlain, Abedingo Standen, freemen.

Memd^m. That the of Aprill, 1610, I being the mayor's deputy, George Brookes was disfranchised by a generall consent, for many matters alledged openly against him in court.

I was chosen to be one of the auditors for the chamberlains' accompts in anno 1610, which was deferred till the 3rd of August, by reason of some differences which till then were not decided. We kept it at Mr. Standing at the King's Arms. Wee found the totall receipts of that year to be 257*l.* 13*s.* 1*d. q.* The payments 92*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; and 16*l.* 4s. 10*d. ob. q.* which they received in allowances, the which added to the former maketh the totall payments to be 108*l.* 7*s. ob. q.* the which taken out of the receipts of 257*l.* 13*s.* 1*d. q.* the rest wherewith the new chamberlains stand charged is 149*l.* 9*s.* 0*d. ob.*

[e] This seal has been recently engraved in the Transactions of the Sussex Archæological Society, in illustration of an Essay by Mr. M. A. Lower, on the Seals of the Cinque Ports: where also the legend is explained.

[f] The explanation of this ænigma is, that each son had a different mother.

My second child, [*Thomas*,] being a son also, was borne the 4th of October, being Thursday, in anno 1610, between the hours of one and two in the night, and was christened the 10th of the same month. His godfathers were Mr. John Egliston, gent. one of the Jurats of the town, and Mr. Thomas Isted, gent. common clerk of the same town, who gave him his name; his godmothers, Mrs. Mary Clynton, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Clynton, second son to the Erle of Lincolne, that was Lord Admirall; his other godmother was my sister Elizabeth.

This son departed this life the 8th of December following, 1610, and lieth buried in the south isle of the church of St. Thomas, at the upper end of the isle, just under the great window of the east end.

My most loving wife, Margaret Lambard, departed this life in a most comfortable manner; her last words being these, (viz.) "My soul is in heaven with the angells:" and soe most patiently gave up the ghost between 2-3 or 3-4 of the clock in the morning, on a Saturday, being St. Peter's day, the 29th of June, 1611, after that we have been married three years and almost two months, and was buried close to her son Thomas, the 4th of July, in the south isle of the church of St. Thomas in Winchellsea, under the great window of the east end of the isle.

I was married to SARAH, my second wife, at Brandford, in Middlesex, on Thursday, 28th May, 1612; my said Sarah was the second daughter of Thomas Isles of London, gent. who was some time one of the Procurators of the Arches, the which Thomas was borne at Leeds, in Yorkshire.

I had taken a house at Canterbury, without St. George his gate, whither my first wife and I intended to have removed from Winchelsea; but, all things being ready for our departure, it pleased God to take my said wife away; so that I put that house away. I took a house at Halling, in Kent, of one Leonard Booker; the house stands just against the comeing in from the ferry. I came with my second wife to dwell at this house 16th of October 1612.

My wife was delivered of *two sons* at one birth the 23rd of July, 1613, about 6 of the clock in the afternoone; they came long before their time, and lie buried at the east end of the north isle in Halling church.

Item, my wife had another mischance a little before Christmas

1613, in the house of my brother Row's in Paternoster Rowe in London, after she had miscarried, and by the midwife's opinion would have had two children had she gone her full time.

William Bing, captain of Deal Castle (who was also formerly my bedfellow in my Lord Privy Seal's house) and myself, was chosen Burgess by the town of Winchellsea, for the Parliament begun to be held at Westminster, 5° Aprilis, 1614, and 12 of Jacobus. The which Parliament was desolved, and nothing done, and concluded to be no sessions, 7° Junii following.

My honourable good lord and master, the Erle of Northampton, died at his house at Charing Cross, 15° Junii, 1614, and was buried in the south isle of Dover Castle chappell, the 26th of the same month.

I came to keep house in Grub Street, in the parish of St. Giles's without Criplegate, 11th July, 1614, after I had sojourned about a yeare with my brother Augustin Rowe one of the Proctors of the Arches, dwelling at the Sugar-loafe in Paternoster Rowe in London.

Item. My wife had another mischance of *a son* at Hammersmith, at her father's house, 13th October, 1614; the child was buried just against the little north doore of the chancell in Fulham churchyard, in the county of Middlesex.

My wife was delivered of a girle, at my house in Grub Street, on Wednesday, being the 30 August, 1615, betweene 5 and 6 a clock in the morning, and it was christened at St. Giles's church without Criplegate the Thursday sevennight after, and named *Jane*. My gossips were, Mrs. Jane Hallsye, wife to Mr. John Hallsye, one of the citty captains, and my sister Howlt and Sir Multon Lambard, who sent Mr. Michael Lee for his deputy; my brother, Thomas Isles, afterwards bestowed a christening sermon on us.

The 15° March, being Friday, 1615, myselfe and my brother Richard, my cousin William Epps, and Adrian Reade (to whom I lent 22 pounds, and my brother Dicke 11 pound to put forth, to be paid two for one at his returne, and besides we to beare his charges all the journey), haveing my Lord Zouch's pass, being the then Lord Warden, we took ship at Dover in a Frenchman, about 2 a clock in the afternoon, and landed at Callais about 6 a clock next day morning, being the 16 of the month, where we lay at the Golden Head, " Le Teste D'Ore," where

we took into our company an English gentleman that dwelt at Callais, named Richard Aldworth, whose charges we bore for the whole journey, betweene myselfe, my brother, and William Epps.

On Monday, 18° Marcii, we took waggon for Graveling, where we lodged at the sign of the Angell. 19°, wee went in a passage boat to Reaten a Deape, four miles on this side St. Omar's, where we lay at the Golden Cupp.

20th, by water in a skeft to St. Omar's, where we lay at David Reading's, an Englishman who kept an ordinary. This was the last week in Lent, according to their computation, being the Passion week, and their service solemn and *in tenebris*. Upon Easter day I supp'd with the English Jesuits in their colledge.

25° Marcii, 1616, wee went on foot to Arkas, some 2 miles out of towne, and from thence that day by waggon into Ayer, and lay at the signe of St. Catherine. 26°, by waggon to the St. George at Bethune. 27°, by waggon through Lenss to the St. Catherine at Dowaye. 28°, by waggon within sight of Bouschaine and Cambray, to the Red Spread Eagle in Valencheine. 29°, by waggon we passed by the castle of the Duke of Arscorts, and another of Count Boushies, close by St. Gilliane and Mons to Soignie, where we lay at the signe of (*blank*). 30°, by waggon we passed close by Braine, and dined at Nostre Dame de Hale, where the pilgrimage is, and so to Richard Sturtivant's, an Englishman, who kept an ordinary at Bruxells. 4° Aprilis, by waggon to the Sunn at Lovaine, where we saw my old tutor Benlos, who was turned Jesuitt, and called Father Benson. 5°, by waggon to dinner at Machlin, and so to Christopher Robinson's, an Englishman, who kept an ordinary in Antwerp at the Golden Port, alias the Golden Gate. 8°, by the passage boat of Rotterdam we went to Dorte, to Mr. Smith's at the Queen's Arms of England. 10°, by waggon to Sconehoven, at the signe of Utrech; from thence to Goude and back againe. 12°, by waggon to the ferry, and then by water to Utrech and Harvies, at the Queen's Arms. 13°, by the passage boat to Amsterdam, to the signe of Callais. 15°, by water to Liden, and by waggon to the Hague, to the Queen Elizabeth's Head. 17°, by water to Delf to dinner, and thence by water to Rotterdam, to the French Arms. 18°, by water to Gretrudenborge; from thence by water to Breda, to the Wildman. 19°, by waggon to Antwerp, agen to Christopher

Robinson's. 20°, by waggon to Gwent, to the White Hart. 21°, by waggon to Cortrick, to the French Arms. 22°, by waggon to Iper, Poperingue, and Winoxberg, to the Cross Keays in Dunkirk.

23°, Dick and I went afoot to Gravelin to dinner, and so by waggon to Callais, to our old host's Anthony Emperor, at the Golden Head. 24°, a board a Frenchman, and, *laus Deo*, landed all safe at Nesst, 25° Aprilis, 1616. This journey, being just 6 weeks, cost us in all 76 pounds, we being five persons, whereof it cost Dick Godfrey and myselfe 28*l.* 10*s.* apeece, and William Epps 19 pound.

My wife was brought to bedd of a son 26° Oct. 1616, being Saturday, between 3 and 4 in the afternoon; he was christened in St. Giles his church on Sunday the 10° of Novemb. following. His godfathers were mine own father and my father Iles; both their names being *Thomas*, he was named after their name; and his godmother was Mrs. Anne, the wife of Mr. Francis Withers, Esq. my neighbour.

I removed out of London with my family the 2nd of June, 1617, to come into Kent, where we stayed at my father's till 28° July, and then I went into my house at Sellinge, which my father had purchased but the Michaelmas term before, of William and John Hatch.

Sir Timo^s^ Thornhill, Knt. (who had the company newly given him), made me his lieutenant to the troop of lite (light) horse within the lath of Shepway.

My wife was delivered of another son on Wednesday the 10th of December, 1617, betweene the hours of 2 and 3 in the night. He was christened on St. Thomas his day, being Sunday the 21st of the same month; his witnesses were, my brother Peter Godfrey, my cousin William Epps, of Old Rumney, who was then sojourner with me in my house, and my sister Mary Godfrey; they named him *Peter*.

I was sworne the King's servant, and a sewer of the chamber extraordinary, by warrant from William Erle of Pembroke, Lord Chamberlaine, the 19th February, 1617.

The 30° July, 1618, my wife and I, Mrs. Ann Whetenhall, one of Sir Henry Whetenhall's daughters, with my old neighbour Mr. Edmund Harrison of Grubstreet, sworne the King's embroiderer, and one servant, took bark at Dover, haveing

licence from the commissioners for the passage at that place, and so landed at Callais. From whence by waggon we went to St. Omer's, and from thence to Graveling, and so to Callais, where we embarked ourselves again for England in a French barke, and landed at Dover the 5° August, 1618.

My wife was delivered of a son the 8° April, 1619, being Thursday, between 12 and 1 of the clock in the night; he was christened the 19th of the same month, being Munday, and named *Richard* after his godfathers' name, which were my brother Richard Godfrey, and my cousin Richard Chalcroft, of Wilsborough, one of the marshalls of his Majesties Halls in ordinary, sworne captain of Sangate Castle; and his godmother was the wife of Walter Mantle, of Horton Priorie, Esq.

My sister Mary, being then the only daughter that my father had liveing, was married the 3rd of August, being Tuesday, anno 1619, in St. Michaell's at the Querne, at the upper end of Cheapside, in London, unto Sir John *Honeywood*, Knt. son and heir to Sir Thomas Honeywood, of Elmstead in Kent, Knt. My father gave her for her porcion 2000 pounds, and to him a 100 pounds, toward the charge of his knighthood. The charges of our travell thither, our stay there, her apparrell, and our returne, stood my father in some 300 pounds more. The wedding was kept at the Black Lyon in Cheapside, at Foster Lane end, Mr. William Honeywood, brother to Sir John, and Mr. Robert Austin, mercers, being masters of the house and partners. The Wednesday 40 weeks after her marriage, being the 10th of May, 1620, she was delivered of a daughter.

My son *John* was borne the 3rd of September, 1620, being Sunday, between 4 and 5 in the morning, and was christened the 17th of the same month, being Sunday. His witnesses were, my brother-in-law Mr. John Nethersole, of Nethersole, gent. elder brother to Sir Francis Nethersole, Knt. secretary of estate to the King and Queen of Bohemia, and my wife's brother Mr. John Iles, gent. second son of my father-in-law; and Dorothy, wife of my brother Peter Godfrey.

I bought of Thomas Morris, of Munkshorton, gent. halfe a stone barne and 18 acres of marshland in West Hith, which cost me 400 pounds; and 14 acres of woodland in Horton and Standford, which cost me 140 pounds; in all 540 pounds, which I paid at one payment, 17th Jan. 1620.

Also I bought of my cousin John Berrie, Esq. an house and 8 acres of land at Braband Lees, in the parish of Smeth, which cost me 110 pounds.

My wife was delivered of another son the 23° Decemb. 1621, between 3 and 4 of the clock in the morning, being Sunday; who was christened the 13° January, being Sunday. His godfathers were, my cousin John Berrie, Esq. captain of the foot company of the town of Lidd, who was godfather to my sister Elizabeth, at the font, and godfather to me at my bishoping, or confirmacion, by the most reverend Archbishop John Whitgift, when he was at Lidd, who lay at my uncle John Berries; his other godfather was my faithfull loveing friend, and my neighbour sometime in Grubstreet, Mr. Edmund Harrison, the King's embroiderer;[f] his godmother was Margaret Shipley, daughter of Mr. John Shipley, the Prince his embroiderer, which Margaret was then sojourning with me in my house. They named my son *Edmund Berrie*, the one's name and the other's Christian name.

My good father being much decayed in his memory, and in his bodie, by reason of a great weakness in his knees, that he could not goe, but was led between two, or carried; gave over all his doeings, and made over all his estate of goods by a deed to my brother Peter, and a lease of his lands unto him, from the feast of Midsummer 1623; reserving to himself for his maintenance 400*l.* per ann. and 40 pounds per ann. to my mother, in lieu of the profit which shee made of her dairie and sheepskins; and soe left his house at Lidd to my said brother Peter, and went to sojourne with my brother Richard at New Rumney.

My brother Peter made the like leases to myself and my brother Richard, of such estate as my father had formerly settled upon us, either of us paying 100*l.* per ann. out of it towards my father's maintainance.

My son Thomas departed this life the 1st of October, 1623, being Wednesday, between 12 and 1 of the clock in the daytime, and was buried in the chancell at Sellinge, before my pew. He was troubled with a vomiting ever since he was 7 weeks old; so that he could neither keep his meat nor his drink for a week togeather; he was the eldest and the least of five sons that I had

[f] Afterwards married to his daughter 13 Sept. 1630 (see p. 461.)

at home altogeather. Whilst he lived, he was but a liveing corpse, and the poorest carcase that (I think) was ever seen, to goe up and downe, as he did; that very morning that he died he had a quicke eye, and a good spirit and memorie; apt to learne, and would read very prettily.

My wife was brought to bedd of a daughter the 8th of December, 1623, being Munday, about 9 of the clock in the fore noone; it was christened the 21° day of the same month, being Sunday, and St. Thomas his day, and named *Elizabeth*. The godmothers were, my cousin Mr. John Knight's wife of Hith, and my neighbour Mr. George Watle's wife; the godfather was my neighbour Mr. Richard Watle, but he was in London, and soe his kinsman, George Watle, was his deputy.g

My good father departed this life in a most patient and mild manner, the 17° Feb. 1623, being Munday, between 2 and 3 of the clock in the morning; he dyed at New Rumney at my brother Dick's. That night he died I watched with him; he had been speechless all that day, only fetched his breath very short, and when he died he did not so much as groane or strech, but put downe his eyes himself; and so his breath went out of his body without so much as stirring the candle which stood in the candlestick upon his bed. He was brought from thence, and buried at Lidd, in the chancel, the 24° of February.

My brother Peter dyed at London, in Mr. Draper's house in Paternoster rowe, in St. Faith's parish, the 27° of Novem. 1624, being Saturday, about 12 of the clock in the forenoon, and was brought from thence to Lidd in a coach, only myself and one of his men attending the corps; and was buried in the chancel on the south side of my father, on Thursday 19° January, 1624.

My wife was delivered of another son the 11° Feb. 1624, being Friday, between 8 and 9 of the clock in the forenoon, who was christened 21° of the same month, being Munday, and named *Michael*. His godfathers were, Michael Masters of Willsborough, Esq. one of the marshalls of his Majesties hall, and Mr. Edward Harrison, of Smeth, the minister of Golstone; his godmother Mrs. Mary Heyman, the wife of Thomas Heyman, Esq.

My wife was delivered of another son the 13° April, 1626, being Thursday, between 1 and 2 in the morning. He was

g Elizabeth Godfrey became the wife of George Bridger.

christened the 27° of that month, being Thursday, and named *Thomas*. His godfathers were, Thomas Heyman, Esq. and my cousin John Knight, gent.; his godmother Mrs. Mary Rook, the wife of George Rook, of Munkshorton, Esq.

My wife was delivered of another son, being her 13th child, and my 15th; her eleventh son, and my 13th, the 16° July, 1627, being Munday, betweene 8 and 9 of the clock in the night. He was christened at home in the round silver bason, and named *Edward*, it being a foull day, in the great parlour of the new building of that which was Hatche's house, on Thursday 26° Julii. His godfathers, Sir Edward Scott, of Scott's Hall, Knt. of the Bath, and Edward Chute, of Bethersden, Esq.; the Lady Mary Heyman, wife of Sir Peter Heyman, of Sellinge, Knt., his godmother. This child my wife nursed, being the first that ever shee gave suck unto, being her 13th child.

Aug. 28°, 1627, I came up to Hoddiford, and removed from my house, parte whereof fell down on the tenth July, 1627, in a fine sunn-shine day, and small wind stirring.

Feb. 26°, 1627, 3° Carol. being Shrove Tuesday, I was chosen one of the Barons of New Rumney for the present Parliament, and was sworne at that instant; Captain Thomas Brett was my com-Baron; he had been twice before burgess for the towne, at both which times he came down and took his oath, but at this time I had commission under the corporation seale to give him his oath at London.

I reered my new frame at Hoddiford, consisting of three rooms upon the first floor, viz. the dining roome and two chambers, on Munday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, being the 13, 14, 15 of Aprill, Tuesday being the chiefe day, on which I invited my friends and neighbours.

My daughter Jane was married at Sellinge unto Mr. Edmund Harrison, the King's embroiderer, the 13° September, being Thursday, 1630.

I was sworne a Justice of the Peace in Mr. Ralph Whitfield's chamber at Graies Inn, 25° February, being Tuesday, by the said Ralph Whitfield, by *Dedimus potestatem*, directed to Edward Hales, Knt. and Bart., Sir Dudley Diggs, Knt. and Ralph Whitfield, Esq. 1630.

My wife was delivered of a daughter on Saturday the 25° Junii, 1631, between 11 and 12 in the night; shee was chris-

tened the 12° Julii, being Tuesday. Her godfather was Sir Norton Knatchboll, Knt., and her godmothers, the Lady Scott, wife to Sir Edward Scott, of Smeth, Knt. of the Bath, and Mrs. Scott, wife to Edward Scott, son and heire to the said Sir Edward, and daughter to the Lord Goreing; both theire names being *Catherine,* my child was so named. This was the first child that I had after I came to Hoddiford, being my 16th child, 1631.[h]

I was made Scout-master throughout the lath of Shepway and the hundred of Scray thereunto annexed, and the Seaven Hundreds, by commission under the hand and seale of Philip Erle of Pembrooke and Montgomerie, Lord Herbert of Cardif, Lord Parr and Ross in Kendall, Lord Marmion and St. Quintin, Lord Herbert of Sharland, Lord Chamberlaine of his Majesties Household, Lord Warden of the Stannaries in the counties of Devon and Cornwall, Lord Lieutenant of the counties of Kent, Cornwall, Summersett, Wilts, and Buckingham, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, and one of his Majesties most honourable Privie Councell; dated at the Court at Whitehall, 18° Maii, 1632, 8° Caroli regis, &c.

My wife was delivered of another son on Wednesday the 2° Jan. 1632, about 8 of the clock at night. He was christened out of the deep silver bason in the parlour at Hoddiford, on Munday following, the 17° of the same month; he was named *Benjamin.* His godfathers were, my loveing brother-in-law Sir John Honeywood, Knt. and my loveing friend and neighbour George Rook, of Munckshorton, Esq., and the vertuous good lady, and my honoured friend, the Lady Mary Knatchboll, wife of Sir Norton Knatchboll, of Mersham, Knt. This is my 14 son and 17 child, and my wife's 12th son and 15th child.

My wife was delivered of a daughter the 13° Dec. 1636, being Sunday, between the hours of 7 and 8 in the afternoon. Shee was christened and named *Sarah,*[i] on Thursday the 24th of the same month. Her witnesses were, Sir Bazill Dixwell, of Folkstone, Knt. and Bart. and my son Lambard Godfrey; my niece Mrs. Elizabeth Honeywood, the eldest daughter of Sir John Honeywood, of Elmsted, Knt. and my daughter Mrs. Jane

[h] Catharine Godfrey was married to John Heames.

[i] Sarah was married to Augustine Plukenett.

Harrison. Mr. Eaton, the minister of Westinghanger, gave us a sermon.

My son Lambard was contracted to Mrs. Catherine Scott, the daughter of Robert Scott, of Smeth, Esq. brother to Sir Edward Scott, of Scotts Hall, Knt. of the Bath, on Munday the 23° Oct. 1637, in my parlour at Hoddiford. Mr. Launcelot Harrison, the minister of Golstone, contracted them, in the presence of both her parents, myself and my wife, and of my sister Honeywood, and of Mr. Thomas Scott and his wife, son and heir of the said Mr. Robert Scott, and of Mrs. Jane Scott his other daughter, and of Mr. George Rook, of Horton, theire kinsman; and was married to her the 14th December following, being Thursday, in Scotts Hall chappell, by Mr. Hugh Harrison, the curate of Smeth, by vertue of a licence out of the faculties, in the presence of all those persons above specified, and of Sir John Honeywood, and divers others.

My daughter Elizabeth departed this life in the house of my son-in-law Mr. Edward Harrison, the King's imbroiderer, in the parish of St. Bennett's Paul's Wharfe, London, the 26° November, 1638, about 3 of the clock in the morning, on Tuesday, and lieth buried in the said church, just under the pew where my daughter Harrison usuallie sittith, being the uppermost pew on the right hand in the middle isle, next to the Doctors' pew in the chancel.

I was returned Burges for the town of New Rumney, for the Parliament holden at Westminster in Aprill 16 Carol. 1640, with my cousin Mr. William Steele, who married my brother Richard's daughter; this Parliament was made a Mallitious Parliament, and was disolved in May following.

My son Edward was elected a King's schollar into Westminster Scholl, into the third place, in May 1640; and died there the 8° Junii, that verry day that his godfather Mr. Chute was buried. Ned was buried in the East Cloister, towards the upper end of it, not far from the library doore.[g]

[g] At this spot a monumental tablet still remained upon the wall, commemorating the names of all the children of this family, together with a supplemental tablet in memory of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, who was buried at St. Martin's in the Fields. This was added by his brother Benjamin in the year 1696.

At the top of the monument are three shields. The central one bearing, Quarterly, 1 and 4. Sable, a chevron between three pelican's heads erased, vulning themselves, or, a crescent for difference; 2. Azure, a fess or between three cross-crosslets

My son Peter, Captain of the town of Lidd, was married on Thursday 15° Aug. 1650, at Snave, in Rumney Marsh, by Mr. Somer, the vicar of Lidd, haveing been asked 3 severall Lord's days, both at Lidd and Snave, unto Amie, the eldest daughter of Captain Thomas Brett, of Snave. Mr. Somer did paraphrase most gravely and learnedly on the 24th of Genesis. I had at Hoddiford to dinner with me the 15° day of August, 1650, which I kept for theire wedding time, gueslers, [*sic MS. qu?* guestes] besides himself, his wife, and her sister, and two of her brothers, my cousin Renolls of Dover and his wife, with,&c. There were 25 Godfreys, with the wifes and daughters of Godfrey, as appears in a list in the old table book.

On Wednesday the 5° November, 1651, after my son John had been in travills 8 years and upwards, and Michaell had been in Morlaix in trade of merchandize full 3 years, I had all my grandchildren and children at dinner at my son Harrison's house in Hartshorne Lane; onely Peter's wife was absent and her little sucking bearne; and Godfrey Harrison at Maidstone at

fitchée argent; 3. a fess between three escallops. Crest, a pelican's head erased, vulning itself, or, wreathed about the neck proper. Motto, "Post spinas palma."

Second shield, Godfrey, impaling, Gules, a chief vaire between three lambs passant argent, Lambard. Motto, "Christus pelicanus et agnus."

Third shield, Godfrey, impaling, Argent, a fess engrailed, and in chief three fleurs-de-lis sable, Iles. Motto, "Rara est ut lilia nigra."

The inscriptions are as follow:

MARGARETA LAMBARD.	"P. M. S. EDVARDI GODFREY, qui patri suo Thomæ Godfrey de Hodiford in Sellinge in Agro Cantiano ar: filius erat 13us, proles vero 15a, matri autem 11us et 13a; quem primum ex 16 natis mater lactabat, qui licet plus triennio lactebat fœlici tamen evasit ingenio, puer optimæ spei et indolis: dux et decus 5æ. Classis hujus Scholæ. Obijt 8° die Junii, Anno salut' 1640. } ætat' 12°. Honoratiss° reverendiss°q' in Xp'o patre Joh'e D'no Episc: Lincoln: Decano, Ri: Busby archididasculo. —Subnotat mortuos. †Adnotat electos in Regios Alumnos.	SARAH ILES. Filii gemini.= Filius.— Jana. Thomas.— Petrus †Ric'vs. †Joh'es. †Edd'vs Berry. Eliza. Michael. †Thomas. †Eddrvs.— Catherina. Benjamin. Sarah.
Lambardus. Thomas.		
Ecce possessio Jehovæ sunt filij, merces est fructus ventris. Psal. 127.		

"EDMUNDUS BERRY GODFREY, equestri dignitate ob merita sua in Regem et Patriam ornatus, Justitiarii munere singulari fide et diligentia functus, demum ab oculis suorum ereptus, iv. idus Octobris MDCLXXVIII. Post quintum diem repertus est morte affectus nefaria et atroci: cætera Historia loquetur.

"Hoc monumentum vetustate attritum reparavit, addito fratris Edmundi elogio, Benjaminus ex filiis Thomæ Godfrey predicti natu minimus et nunc solus superstes iv. nonas Aprilis MDCXCVI."

school; and Lambard's little girle *(blank)* Soe my children and grandchildren were togeather, and Mr. Cothwold and his wife, and his son-in-law Mr. Courlin and his wife, and Mr. Francis Hammon, and Mr. Hidger the minister of the parish and his wife.

My son Michaell, after he had served eight years' apprentiship with Major Thomas Chamberlaine, of Leadenhall Street, merchant, who married the daughter of Mr. Michael Burlimarsh, was 8 years at Morlaix and in Roan, as a factor, and after he returned into England, and had been just 8 weeks in London, was married to Mrs. Ann Mary Chamberlaine, his master's eldest daughter, first in the house by Mr. Oldman, at his minster in the pew,[h] and then at St. Deonis Backchurch in Lime Street, by Mr. Hardes, that learned reverend minister, on Thursday the last of January 1655, and was that day and the next entertained at the Major's house.

To Thomas Godfrey, the writer of this family history, the following epitaph was placed in the church of Sellinge:

"Here lies the body of THOMAS GODFREY, of Hoddiford, in this parish, Esq. who had to his first wife, Margaret the daughter of William Lambard of Grenwich, Esquire, by whom he had issue two sonns; and to his second wife, Sarah the daughter of Thomas Isles, of Hammersmith, Esquire, with whom he lived in wedlock above 53 years, and by her had issue 12 sonnes and 4 daughters. He was a great lover of learning and all ingenuity, which he shewed in the generous education of his children. He served his generation eminently and faithfully in several capacities; with christian courage he overcame many infirmities of his life. Having lived beloved 47 years in this parish, he died lamented the 10th day of October, 1664, being in the 79th year of his age, to whose memory his sorrowful widow erected this monument of her lasting affection."

His four daughters were all married, as already noticed.

Of his sons, Benjamin, the youngest, was the only survivor in 1696; when he repaired the monument in Westminster cloisters, and added the supplementary tablet to commemorate his brother Sir Edmund-Berry (as printed in p. 464). He died in 1704, aged 72; having, by marriage with Mary, daughter and heir of Baptist Piggot esquire, become possessed of Norton Court in Kent; and was succeeded by his son John,

[h] So the MS. As it is a transcript, some doubt may attach to this and some other words.

who died in 1737 without issue. Catharine his sister was the wife of Stephen Lushington esquire, of Sittingbourne, and mother of Thomas Godfrey Lushington esquire, from whom descends that numerous and very distinguished family, which quarters the arms of Godfrey.

There were two other brothers who married, namely Peter, (see p. 464,) who remained at Hoddiford, and Michael, (see p. 465,) a merchant in London, buried in the church of St. Swithin, Coleman Street. The issue of the former are given in Berry's Kentish Genealogies; and some notices of the latter (whose descendants were very distinguished citizens,) accompany an article on Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey in the Gentleman's Magazine for November 1848. See also the Magazine for 1793, vol. LXIII. p. 32.

Following the Diary in the MS. is an account of certain rents due to the writer in the year 1609, and afterwards several pages of expenses about the same time. Between them occurs a page containing—

The names of such Godfreys as have beene Bailifs of Lidd, as was collected by Mr. John Hoblethwaite, then town clerk, anno Dñi 1587, out of a verrie antient book of Records, and given to my father; whereto are added himself and those of later time.

Thomas Godfrey, sen. 17°. Hen. VI. 1438.
Thomas Godfrey, sen. 20°. Hen. VI. 1441.
William Godfrey, 26°. Hen. VI. 1447.
Thomas Godfrey, 24° Hen. VIII. 1532.
Peter Godfrey, 3° Edw. VI. 1549.
Peter Godfrey, Marie 3°, 1555.
Thomas Godfrey, Eliz. 15°, 1573.
Thomas Godfrey, sen. 1580, my great-uncle.
Thomas Godfrey, jun. chosen Jurat 1580, my father.
Thomas Godfrey, jun. Bailif 1586 and 1587.
Thomas Godfrey, jun. 1593 and 1594.
——————————— 1603 and 1604.
Peter, hæres Thome, 1615.
Thomas, 1616.

Thomas Godfrey, who lived, as appeareth by a rentall of Old Langport, which is in my father's custody, 4° Hen. IV. which was about anno Dñi 1403, made his will, as by it appeareth, 8° Jan. 1426. Died and was buried in Lidd church, as appeareth by his tomb, 5° Augusti 1430.

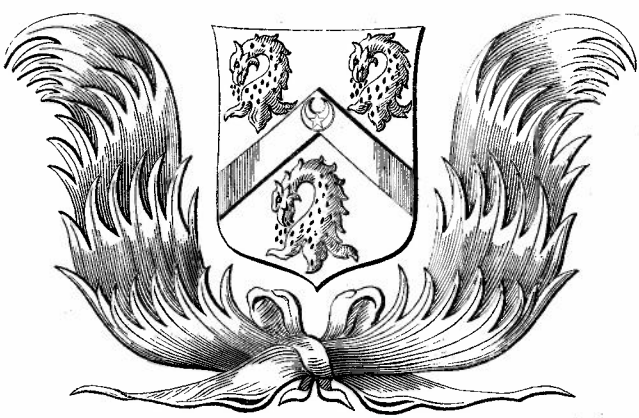
This Thomas was a tenant to the mannor of Old Langport

(the rentall whereof is in my father's custodie, being in a faire long parchment rowle, bearing date 4° Hen. IV. et postea per eandem evidentiam tempore predicto factam predictum rentale est in parte renovatum per custos tenentium dicti manerii in anno 3° Regis Hen. VI. et solvit annuatim pro 84 acris terræ et una .. redd. 26s. 7d. qr.

It appeareth that he and some three more that lie buried in Lidd church, within some six or seven years one of another, were all of the homage at the renewing of this rentall. From this Thomas my father hath land by descent.

27 Nov. 1477. King Edward IV. granted license to John Godfrey to found a chantry in the chapel of the blessed Mary in the church of St. Thomas at Winchelsea. See Thorpe's Catalogue of the MSS. of Battle Abbey.

The Godfreys' estate at Westham, near Hailsham, in Sussex, was afterwards in the hands of the Sackvilles, and a large portion was lost by the accumulation of beach.



Arms on Sir E. B. Godfrey's cups; see Gent. Mag. Nov. 1848, *and March* 1849.