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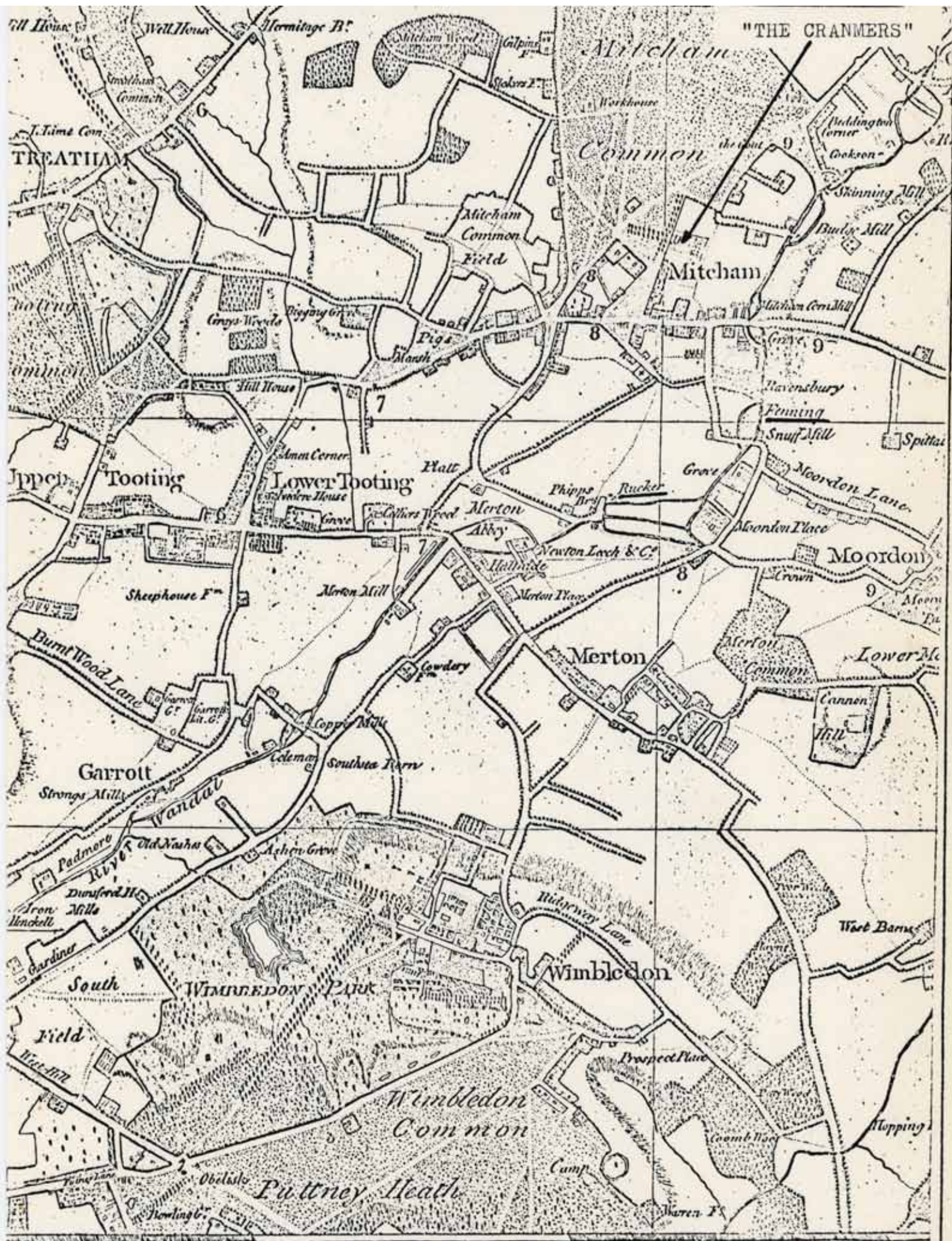
COMPANION

FROM LONDON TO

BRIGHTHELMSTON

1789–1801

extracts relating to
Merton, Mitcham,
Morden & Wimbledon



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Salvador's House is a large and elegant building, with noble gardens, most delightfully situated, adjacent to some pleasant paddocks.

And, as an *Academy*, its reputation is much increasing by the diligence, attention, and abilities, of its possessor, Mr. *Albus*.

Grellier and *Oldner's* young ladies *French School* is likewise in much estimation.

Also here are *Academies* of great repute kept by the Rev. *William Lee*, and Mr. *Howarth*; and Mr. *Bowden* has a few young gentlemen as pupils.

Principal PROFESSIONS, &c. in *Tooting*.

Surgeons, &c. Messrs. *Chittenden* and *Grellier*.

Attorney at Law, Mr. *Stevenson*.

Common Brewers, { Mr. *Blake*,
Mr. *Wilson*.

RETURN TO THE ROAD at VI M 1 Q 38 R.

On the right are two genteel houses adjoining each other, and the last in the village. The first belongs to Mr. *Carpenter*, and is occupied by Mr. *Nettleton*. The second is in the possession of Mr. *Wanshall*.

A genteel house now building on the left; the road bears to the right.

Tooting Bridge, crossing a small rill.

Enter *Fig's Marsh*, alias *Pig's Marsh*, a flat piece of common land, containing about 30 acres.

Near the north side of this common, and a quarter of a mile east of the road, is a seat belonging to *John Mansfield*, Esq. one of the Directors of the *East India Company*, called *Bigging Grove*. It is a good house, but rather low. The front is towards the south-east, and opened to a road by a grass plat, which is bounded by a shrubbery on the north.

On the right is the *viii* mile stone from *Cornhill*.

A neat white boarded house on the right belongs to *Peter Waldo*, Esq. It is at present untenanted.

The next is the residence of Mr. *James Potter*, whose *Botanical Gardens* are very extensive, and has works here for extracting the essence of all his botanical herbs. It is remarkable, that on Mr. *Potter's* sinking a well for the use of his works near 200 feet, no water was found; but, sinking it something lower, a spring broke up with great force, and, in a few minutes space, rose to the top, and ran over; and it now continues nearly full. The ground consisted of different strata, and at a great depth were found perfect oyster shells, periwinkle shells, &c.

Leave *Fig's Marsh*, and enter the village of *Upper Mitcham*.

On the left, at about 50 yards from the road, is the seat of *Peter Waldo*, Esq. The house is a very good one, and built in the modern taste, with suitable offices and large gardens on the north. It commands a pleasant prospect over the enclosures on the east, as far as *Norwood*, and is sheltered against the road by remarkable large elm trees.

Opposite is a large house built with red brick, pretty lofty, and has a cupola on the top. It commands a view over the level country on the west as far as *Wimbledon*.

On the piers of the entrance gates are the figures of two eagles in stone. This seat belongs to *George Chamberlaine*, Esq. and is in the occupation of *John Bond*, Esq.

On the left is the *Buck's Head*, a small public house, in the occupation of *William Mansfield*.

M. Q. R.
vii—2—72.
King's Arms.

Opposite is the *King's Arms* public house, in the possession of *Thomas Boyer*.

Enter a small triangular area of waste land, called *Upper Mitcham Green*.

DESCRIPTION OF UPPER MITCHAM GREEN.

The straight road is the road to *Brightelmston*; that on the left leads to *Carshalton*, *Croydon*, &c. See p. 21.

A small distance to the left, at the south corner formed by a lane leading into the common fields, is a large antique building, called *Old Bedlam*.

On the north side, of the Green, and west of the road, is the *Nag's Head*, a public house kept by *T. Merrat*.

On the south side and opposite the *Maypole*, is a high brick house, the property and residence of *Joseph Potter*, Esq. diamond merchant; a little to the east of which is a neat house, in possession of *Mrs. Pierpoint*, and farther to the west is *Mrs. Fowler's* boarding-school.

On this Green is held a fair annually on the 12th of *August*, for toys.

At the corner on the right, upon leaving the Green, and on the entering *Witley's Lane*, is a white boarded house. Here is an academy kept for young gentlemen by Mr. *Demister*.

This house is said to be once the residence of the unfortunate Sir *Walter Raleigh*, which appears probable from history's mentioning his disposing of his estates at *Mitcham* when he undertook the voyage to *Guiana*, in order to discover the gold mines.

Between it and the road Messrs. *Chittenden*, *Grellier* and *Dyer*, surgeons, have a shop.

At the opposite side, or left hand corner, is a seat late belonging to *John Pollard*, Esq. who has just built a handsome villa at *Ewell*, which is described in p. 34 of this work.

This is an indifferent low building, almost concealed from sight of the road by a high wall, and the stables appear large in proportion to the house. I have some idea of the beauties of a little lawn on the south, which Mr. *Pollard* once shewed me; but Mr. *Langdale*, the present possessor, after I had repeatedly waited on him, refused me the least information, as well as the favour of inspecting the description which I had prepared for that purpose.

On the left is the *ix* mile stone from the *Standard*, *Cornhill*.

Enter lower *Mitcham Green*.

On the left is a small neat house belonging to Mr. *Spencer*.

About half a furlong to the east is a good brick house in possession of Mr. *Cochran*, surgeon.

DESCRIPTION of Parts adjacent.

About a quarter of a mile east from hence, in and near the *Carshalton* road, is *Park Place*, the seat of *William Pollard*, Esq. It is a handsome house, built of grey stock-bricks, and finished in the present taste. It has a small lawn, which is skirted on one side with high elm trees, and bounded on the east and south by *Mitcham Common*.

This house was erected about the year 1780, by Mr. *Gregg*, attorney at law, who sold it to the present possessor, and settled at *Borrows Hedges*, a seat at the foot of *Bunhill Downs*, but since removed to *Carshalton*.

About half a furlong west of *Park Place*, and near the south-east corner of *Lower Mitcham Green*, Mr. *Cranmer* has a genteel white house, which is his residence; and on the opposite side of the Common, about one furlong south, he has another, which he lets to *Janus Portis*, Esq.

Mitcham Fair.

vii—3—15.
Raleigh House
Academy.

vii—3—16
U. 1.

Mr. *Langdale*,
a Distiller.

vii—3—70

viii—0—00
Mr. *Spencer*.

Mr. *Cochran*.

PARK
PLACE.
W. *Pollard*,
Esq.

Mr. *Cranmer*.

J. *Portis*,
Esq.

M. Q. R.

It is a large white house, with good offices, gardens, &c. and in the Common is an avenue of high elm trees directly in the front.

This is a manor house, and was once the residence of *Thomas Cranmer*, the archbishop of *Canterbury*, who suffered martyrdom at *Oxford* in the reign of *Queen Mary*, *anno* 1555.

In the garden is a white *Marquises* fig-tree, said to be planted by the above archbishop. Its branches are very low; but its stem, which measures 30 inches in girth, has every possible mark of great age. [See an account of fig-trees in the description of *Lambeth Palace*.]

A BRANCH from the Road on the fourth side of the *Swan* Public house to the Church.

0-0-20.

On the left is a handsome *Charity School*, built by subscription in 1788.

0-0-35.

On the same side, at about 60 yards distance, is a large low antique building belonging to *Mr. Tanner Worsfold*. In the central part of this house are the remains of an old chapel; the timber work of which remains very sound and entire, though it may be of a more early date than the present church. It is said to have been used during the rebuilding the church after its being destroyed by lightning, and that it originally belonged to the *Abbey of Merton*.

0-0-41.

Leave the Green.

0-0-51.

On the right is the *Black Bull*, a genteel and good accustomed public house, kept by *Mr. Sanders*.

0-0-67.

On the same side are two genteel houses adjoining each other, the property of *Charles Effingham*; the first is in the possession of *J. Batley*, the second of *Mrs. Clarke*.

0-1-03.

Houses end on the right.

0-1-01.

On the left, close to the road, is the *Vicarage House*, a low white building, in possession of the present incumbent, the *Rev. Leslie Myers*.

0-1-20.

On the right, about 20 yards, is the church, which, with the village, I shall describe as follows:

M I T C H A M

MITCHAM.

Is a large village upon the river *Wandle*, situated in a flat country, and a dry gravelly soil.

In Ancient History, &c.

In *Domesday* it goes by the name of *Mitcham*, differing but a little from that of a village near *Dorsing*, written *Micclam*.

The canons of *Bairux* had a manor here, valued at forty shillings *per ann.*; probably from a grant of the bishop of *Batus*, as they at the same time held of him a manor in *Witford*.

Witford I conjecture to have been situated somewhere about Upper *Mitcham Green*, as the road leading from thence to the Lower Green still retains the name of *Witford Lane*; and probably the house called *Raleigh House* (which, till lately being modernized, had the appearance of great antiquity) might be the manor-house. The water, draining from the commons after rain, crossing the road near the house from its whiteness, might give it the name of *White Ford*; or another antique building, which stands on the north east side of the green, now called *Old Indian*, might be the manor-house belonging to *Witford*.

It consisted of two manors; one held by the canons, valued at thirty shillings, the other by *William* the son of *Asulf*, valued at sixty shillings *per ann.* In this manor was a mill.

The Manors.

The said *William* had also a manor in *Mitcham*, with the half of a mill; valued together at forty shillings rent.

The record makes no mention of a church at *Mitcham*; but in the reign of *Edward I.* the parsonage was valued at twenty marks and the vicarage at eight marks.

The living is a vicarage in the deanery of *Basildon*, in the patronage of *Mr. Cranmer*. The present vicar is the *Rev. Leslie Myers*.

The Church.

The church was destroyed by lightning about the

M. Q. R.

U. I.

Dog Smith whipped as a Common Vagrant.

Exempting this Parish a Mistake.

Gifts to the Parish.

year 1637, and ten bells melted: at the same time thirteen other churches were destroyed in this county.

The church is dedicated to *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*: Its length is 31 paces, and width 20 paces, exclusive of a large square tower at the southern corner, which contains eight bells, and bears a neat turret upon the top, terminated by a weathercock. East of the tower is a chancel eight paces in length and seven in width.

"One *Henry Smith*, falter, and alderman of *London*, (who is frequently mentioned in this work) formed the strange resolution of exercising the latter part of his time as a common beggar; but from what motive is not said. He confined his circuit chiefly to the county of *Surrey*, where he was known by the appellation of *Dog Smith*. Having once offended some officious person of this place he was carried before a magistrate, who ordered him to be publicly whipped; which he so much resented, that at his death he left almost every parish in the county five pounds *per ann.* and market towns a thousand each, to be laid out in lands for the use of the poor; and to every parish in the county something except this." Such was the general account given by many of our historians of this celebrated benefactor; yet, upon searching the records belonging to this parish, I find a donation of five pounds *per ann.* paid from the estates of the said *Mr. Smith* for the purpose below specified; therefore how this mistake arose I cannot learn out.

Henry Smith, Esq. in 1726, gave five pounds *per ann.* to this parish, to be laid out in great coats for poor housekeepers.

In 1639 *Thomas Plumes*, Esq. gave five pounds *per ann.* to be distributed every Sunday in bread.

In 1709, *Mrs. Elener Fisher* of *Hamer Smith*, gave two hundred pounds to purchase lands of inheritance for the relief of 24 housekeepers belonging to this parish.

GEORGE HOLDEN'S

MITCHAM AND TOOTING STAGE COACHES

SET out from the *King's Head* and *White Hart*, every morning at eight, and nine o'clock to the *Spread Eagle* in *Gracechurch-street*, *LONDON*; and return at ten and three o'clock. Set out again at four in the afternoon, and return at six. On *Sunday* set out at six in the morning, and return at eight; in the afternoon at five, and return at seven. — A coach to the *Golden Cross*, *Charing cross*, on *Monday* and *Saturday*, at nine o'clock, and returns at three.

Also *Mr. Holden* lets POST CHAIRES and COACHES to any part of *England*.

On the right is a public house, which stands upon the green: it is the sign of the *Swan*, a good accustomed house, in the occupation of *Samuel Sanders*.

VIII-0-32.

The Swan.

VIII-0-44.

Houses begin on the right, and near the corner is *Mr. Paratt's*, surgeon.

VIII-0-48.

White Hart Inn.

A little farther on is the *White Hart* Inn, kept by *Mrs. Harrison*.

VIII-0-52.

King's Head Inn.

Leave lower *Mitcham green*, and at the corner, on the left, is the *King's Head*, a large good looking inn. It is the property of *Mr. Bunick*, at *Tooting*, and has been about two years in the occupation of *Mr. Thomas Osborn*.

Mrs. Tate.

VIII-1-75.

Austen House.

About 100 yards behind the last described inn, and on the same side of the green, is an antique building in the possession of *Mrs. Tate*, an aged maiden lady.

On the left is *Milton House*, a good red brick building, situated about 40 yards distance, with a high wall against the road. It is the property of *Mr. Longham*, and occupied by *John Barber*, Esq.

J. Barber, Esq.

VIII-1-03.

Mrs. Pollamby's Boarding School.

A little beyond, on the same side, is a large white house belonging to *Mr. James Potter*. It is now kept as a Boarding School for young ladies, by *Mrs. Holmby*.

M. Q. R.

viii-1-07.

U. 2.

Mr. Moore's
Brewery.

viii-1-17.

Andreas

French, Esq.

viii-1-23.

viii-1-37.

Mr. Carter's

Boarding

School.

viii-1-60.

Ravenbury.

Admiral Ar-

buthnot.

Mr. Fenning's

Calico Ma-

nufactory.

viii-1-60.

viii-2-36.

Mrs. Wood-

cock.

viii-2-39.

Mitcham

Corn-mills.

R. Barfoot,

Esq.

Mitcham

Grove.

Henry Hoare,

Esq.

viii-2-36.

viii-3-72.

ix-1-30.

Spittal Farm.

Joseph Wright

Esq.

ix-1-63.

ix-2-62.

ix-3-73.

Nearly opposite is a neat red brick house, which appears to be newly built. It belongs to Mr. Moore, who has a Brewery behind it.

On the left, about 50 yards from the road, is the seat of Andreas French, Esq. It is a large square white house, with figures of a lion and a dog on the piers of the entrance gates in front. Behind the house are good gardens, plantations, &c.

On the right is a neat house, low-built, and close to the road, belonging to J. Paris, Esq. It is let to Mrs. —

The next house, on the same side, is a large one, built with red brick, and has a handsome area of pleasure ground betwixt it and the road, enclosed with a high wall. It was the property and residence of the late Counsellor Bacon. It is now a Boarding School of much estimation for young ladies, and kept by Mrs. Carter.

A road at a direct angle on the right, just beyond the above, leads to Ravenbury, Morden, &c. For a description of the latter see page 28.

Ravenbury is the seat of Admiral Arbuthnot, and lies about three furlongs from hence. It is a pleasant, rural situation, upon the north banks of the Wandle.

The walks, which extend a considerable distance on the river side, are bounded with handsome shrubberies; which, with the large lawn on the south belonging to the Grove, add much to the beauty of the place.

About one furlong west of Ravenbury, and likewise upon the banks of the river, is a neat white house which belonged to the late Mr. Hatcher, a gentleman much noted for his manufactory in the callico line, which he carried on here. This manufactory is now in the possession of Mr. Fenning, late of Merton Abbey.

About one furlong farther down the river are snuff-mills belonging to Mr. Spencer and Mr. Pollbill, as also those of Alderman Sainsbury.

Return TO THE ROAD.

On the left is Mr. Hughes's Brewery: opposite is a genteel house, in possession of Mrs. Woodcock.

About half a furlong to the left is Mitcham corn-mill. It was burnt down in the year 1788; and is now re-building. It is the property of W. Fry, Esq. and was lately occupied by Mr. Samuel Chesterman.

Three furlongs east from hence, and on the north side of the river, Richard Barfoot, Esq. has a house, which will be described farther on, when I survey the Carshalton road. See p. 21.

On the right is Mitcham Grove, late the seat of Lord Loughborough, but now of Henry Hoare, Esq. Banker, in Fleet-street.

The house, which is a very good one, stands about 60 yards from the road, and is surrounded by the river, the banks of which are covered with pleasant gravel walks, very rural, and decorated with shrubs and exotic trees. Extending to the west as far as those before described belonging to Ravenbury. On the south is a large lawn on a gentle declivity, which is skirted against the turnpike-road by a shrubbery upwards of three furlongs in length.

Cross the river Wandle by a bridge built with brick. On the east side of this bridge Mr. Glover has corn and snuff-mills.

A gradual ascent, and on the left is the x mile stone from the standard in Cornhill.

About a quarter of a mile to the right is Spittal-farm. The house appears of a modern erection, built with red brick, and faced in front. On the top is a turret containing a bell. It is the property of Joseph Wright, Esq.

A farm house on the left.

Cross roads and a gradual descent begin, and continue to the xi mile stone from the standard in Cornhill.

M. Q. R.

U. 2.

x-1-6.

Sutton

Common.

x-2-47.

x-2-57.

x-3-34.

Red Lion.

x-3-44.

Mr. Wall.

x-3-65.

x-3-70.

xi-0-15.

Mr. Pogson.

xi-0-32.

The

Parsonage.

Grey Hound.

xi-0-56.

Robert Spottis-

wood, Esq.

xi-0-65.

The Village of
SUTTON.

Its Ancient
History, &c.

The Church.

Enter Sutton Common. The road, skirted on each side with regular planted elm trees, forms a pleasant avenue.

This common extends to the right of the road upwards of one mile, and contains near 300 acres of land. The soil here is similar to those of Merton and Chiswick Commons that lie to the westward, consisting of a strong black clay, wet, springy, and very productive of rushes. Avenue ends, and crosses a small bridge.

Houses belonging to the village of Sutton begin on the left

And leave Sutton Common.

On the right is the Red Lion public house, kept by — Bignall.

A genteel house on the left, near the road, with the front rough-cast, belongs to Mr. Wall.

On the same side is a brick house, standing about 30 yards from the road. It belongs to Mr. Pierceall. On the right is the xi mile stone from the standard in Cornhill.

The road on the left, which leads into the common fields, has on its north side a modern built red-brick house, standing about 150 yards from the street. It belongs to Mr. Pogson.

A road on the west side of the street leads to the Parsonage House, which lies about 150 yards distance, and a little to the south of that road. It is a good looking house, square built, and appears rather of a modern erection. It is in the possession of the present incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Hatch.

On the left, and opposite to the road last-described, is the Greyhound Inn, occupied by — Grace.

On the right, about 30 yards from the road, is a good brick house, belonging to Thomas Hatch, Esq. and in the occupation of Robert Spottiswood, Esq. of Austin Friars, London.

On the same side is the road to the church, which lies about half a furlong to the west, which I shall describe below.

SUTTON

Is a small village and a rectory in the deanery of Ewell, in a healthful air, being seated, as we may say, in the bosom of the celebrated downs of Bansted, to which it is opened by spacious common fields, which bound on the east, south, and west.

In Domilei this place is written Sudtone, meaning the South Town, with respect to some place more northerly; but what place that can be it is difficult to guess.

The Record expressly mentions two churches at this place. Probably here have been two parishes which were united.

Mr. Salmon gives an imperfect extract from a confirming grant to some monastery, (from Edward II.) which he supposes to be that of Greffeu in Normandy, which runs thus: *Concessimus insuper quam Rogerus de Fraxino fecit eisdem Abbati et Conventui de tribus acris terræ in Sudtone, et de ista decima de Dominico suo in eadem Villa, et de Gara de iuger Sudtonam.*

This is given as a proof for the second church, which he conjectures to have stood at Gara, and since laid to Sutton.

The manor, upon the survey, belonged to the Abbey of Chertsey, and was valued at fifteen pounds. In the Confeffor's reign it must have been a place of considerable note, as it was then valued at twenty pounds per ann.

The woods were not very extensive, the lord's rent in hogs being only forty.

The church is 23 yards in length, and 12½ broad, and appears very ancient. At its west end is a belfry, whose sides are enclosed with boards, and it supports a spire.

In the chancel of the church, adjoining the north wall, is a beautiful marble monument raised in, whereon lies, at

M. Q. R.
U. 1.
Borough House

It is a large antique mansion-house, stands on a very elevated situation, and commands a most extensive prospect towards the north.

On the west is a pleasant paddock, containing about 70 acres, lying on a gentle declivity.

This is an ancient seat of the *Buckles*, a family who have resided in this parish upwards of 150 years; and it is remarkable that not so much as one monument has been erected by any of them in the church.

In a meadow, which is directly opposite the house (on the east of a road), formerly stood the old church or chapel, as mentioned under the description of *Bansted*; and the meadow still retains the name of Chapel Meadow.

On the north side of the house, at a distance, is the old church or chapel, as mentioned under the description of *Bansted*.

This estate, which consists of a manor, belongs to Mr. *Buckle*, and is rented and occupied by *Anthony Dickens*, Esq. one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of *Common Pleas* and a Justice of the Peace for the county of *Surrey*.

Nork House is situated about 300 yards north of *Borough*, and is a handsome, modern built house, with winged offices, which are united with the central part by *colonades*.

It stands upon a very great ascent, though not sharp. The ground in front goes gradually descending, near three miles, almost as far as *Ewell*, and commands an amazing extensive prospect towards the north, quite similar to that of the last-described seat.

The front of the house is opened by a low avenue on the north west, and overlooks a small lawn which lies on a gentle declivity. Through the *vista* may be seen the two palaces of *Windsor* and *Hampton Court*; the former at twenty, and the latter only at eight, miles distance.

This seat belongs to Mrs. *Martha Buckle*, and is in the occupation of Lord *Arden*.

About a quarter of a mile east of *Nork-House*, on the north side of the road which leads from thence to *Bansted* village, is an artificial hill, covered with a tolt of fir-trees, very perspicuous to all the adjacent country on the north; on it formerly stood a beacon, and the field still retains the name of *Biaconfield*.

The remaining part of this road, which leads to *Ewell*, having nothing remarkable, I shall conclude the description of this part, and

Lord Arden.

T. P. II.
VII-2-77.

Return TO THE ROAD at *Upper Mitcham Green*. See p. 19.

U. 1.

A DESCRIPTION of the Road and Parts adjacent from thence to *Carshalton*.

VII-3-15.
Mr. Phillips.

On the left is a house belonging to Mr. *Phillips*, broker; at the back of which is an Independent Dissenting Meeting-house.

VII-3-40.

Leave the *Green*, and enter *Mitcham Common*. Keep the road on the right.

VII-3-50.
Three Kings.

On the left, close by a pond, is the *Three Kings*, a public house, in possession of Mr. *Ambrose Taylor*; on the north of which is a neat house in possession of Mr. *Swain*, surgeon.

On the right is a small house, in the possession of *Charles Foster*, millwright.

Near the north side of the common, about three quarters of a mile distance, is a large new red brick building, a *Workhouse* for this parish, which was built in 1782.

On the right, about 60 yards from the road, is *Park Place*, the seat of *William Pollard*, Esq.

Inclosed land ends on the right.

Workhouse.
VIII-0-52
Park Place.
W. Pollard,
Esq.

M. Q. R.
VIII-0-71
Mr. Cramer.
U. 2.
J. Portis,
Esq.

About one furlong west of the fence corner is Mr. *Cramer's* house in which he resides; also a large white house at the farther end of a high avenue, which he let to *James Portis*, Esq.

These three last-mentioned seats are more fully described in p. 19.

VIII-1-32

A road which branches out to the left, leading north of the adjacent cottage, is a road to the town of *Croydon*, which lies three miles south east from hence.

VIII-2-09
Budge Mill.

Rook Croft corner on the right, and a road to *Budge Mill*, which lies about three furlongs distance; on the north side of which road, at a quarter of a mile distance, is a good house built with red brick. It is in possession of *Richard Barfoot*, Esq.

R. Barfoot,
Esq.

VIII-3-67
Geat.

Another hedge corner on the right, at which is the *Geat*, a public house, kept by *Joseph Carr*.

IX-0-49.
Beddington
Corner.

Common ends at *Beddington* corner, and on the right is the *Queen's Head* public house, in the possession of *Thomas Ballpit*.

Queen's Head.
Mr. Cookson.

On the south side of this common, about one furlong to the right of the road, Mr. *Cookson* has a genteel house, at which he carries on an extensive trade in a branch of the calico manufactory called *whitening*, which is to bleach or whiten the linen for the calico-printers.

Mr. Savignac
U. 2.

A little farther to the west of the last-described are the *Skinning Mills* belonging to Mr. *Pillet Savignac*, who has a manufactory here for *leather*, *parchment*, &c.

IX-0-63.
Wallington
Lane.

Leave *Mitcham Common*, and enter into *Wallington Lane*. The road is inclosed on the east side with a pale fence. The land on the east was formerly a park belonging to an ancient seat of the *Carews*. A greater part of this land is disparked, and converted to arable land; the remainder, which is near *Beddington* church, lies very low, and is a wet moorish soil.

IX-1-45.

On the right, a quarter of a mile distance, is a calico manufactory belonging to Mess. *Whitehead*, *Kenly*, and *Haites*.

IX-1-69.
Mr. Foster
Reynolds.

The same side lies the road to *Carshalton Mill*. Here Mr. *Reynolds* carries on a very extensive trade of *whitening*, or bleaching of linen.

IX-2-47.

Sometime 40 or 50 acres of land together may be seen almost covered with linen; which, to a stranger at a distance, is oftentimes mistaken for snow.

About a furlong north west of the mill, on a rising ground, Mr. *Reynolds* has erected an elegant house built with grey stock-bricks. It commands a pleasant prospect, and has a neat appearance from the road.

Cross of Direction. The straight road leads through *Wallington* (a hamlet belonging to *Beddington*) to the east part of *Carshalton*. The road on the right is over *Heck Bridge*, and enters the village on the north side.

Hack Bridge.
Red Lion.

I shall continue to describe the former, only remarking that, on the latter, just upon entering *Hack Bridge Green*, on the south side of the road, is the *Red Lion*, a public house in the occupation of *Widow Poole*.

Mr. Shepley's
Oil Mills.

And about one furlong south of *Hack Bridge* stand some large *Oil Mills* belonging to Mr. *Shepley*, of *Deebley*, *Southwark*. These mills were unfortunately consumed by fire in 1785; the damage was estimated at about 1000l.

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X-0-1.
Mr. Kilburn.

They are since completely rebuilt. Enter a small triangular area of waste land called *Brewer's Green*. On the middle of the west side is a pleasant little white house belonging to Mr. *Kilburn*, a noted *calico-printer*.

X-0-20.

X-1-23.

His manufactory lies about a hundred paces south west from the house.

Leave *Brewer's Green*.

U. 2.

On the right is a new row of genteel houses, and at the west end of which is a handsome house built with grey stock-bricks; it is seated on the east end of the river. This river is a great addition to the beauty of the place, being rapid, and of a most chryalline purity. It washes a fine grass walk, which skirts a pleasant little garden on the north.

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Previous to Mr. *Fellows's* building this house, on levelling the ground to make an avenue from thence, a large quantity of bones was discovered, mostly human; and, only a few years since, in removing of earth near the entrance gates, a large quantity was likewise found, which indicates that here was anciently a *cemetery*, or that it was a field of battle.

In the street, which lies about one furlong north of this last described, is a small genteel house in possession of Mr. *Wood*; and little farther is a neat white boarded house, occupied by Mr. *Richard's*, both of which belong to *Edm. Lodge, Esq.*

DESCRIPTION of the Street north from the Church.

One furlong distance from the church is a *cross road*. The street which leads to the east from thence is called *Pall Mall*, which I shall describe below after I have described the street which leads to the north from hence.

At the farthest corner, on the west side, is a genteel house belonging to and inhabited by *Edmund Lodge, Esq.*

On the east side of the street, and a quarter of a mile north from the church, is the seat of *Samuel Long, Esq.* an elegant *picturesque view* of which is given in the illustrations of this work. It is a large and good building, situated in a pleasant lawn, which has a fine carpet of grass, and interspersed with trees and shrubs in an agreeable variety. The house stands about 60 yards from the road, and the lawn is surrounded with high fruit walls.

This seat, with that of Mr. *Andrew's*, (before described) formerly belonged to the family of *Scavens*, who resided at the park.

On the west side of the street, nearly opposite to the last-described seat, is a high square brick edifice built in the modern style, with good offices on the north west. It is the property of *Henry Byne, Esq.* and has been many years in the occupation of the late *John Durand, Esq.* now of his son *John Hudson Durand, Esq.* a husband of *East-India* shipping.

Return to the *Cross Roads*, and proceed towards the east.

DESCRIPTION of *Pall Mall*.

On the right is a large *corn-mill* belonging to Mr. *Hillbert*, of *Wandsworth*. It has a genteel dwelling-house adjoining, which was lately new built.

About one furlong from the *cross roads* are some large *paper-mills* belonging to Mr. *Ansell*, and occupied by Mr. *Curtis*, who carries on a large trade here.

These mills are particularly noted for white paper, as are those which stand a little lower on the stream, which belong to Mr. *Ansell*, and are in possession of Mr. *Patch*.

On the eastmost stream are some *snuff-mills* belonging to Mr. *Marebant*; also Mr. *Ansell* has *snuff-mills* adjoining his *paper-mill* above described.

About a quarter of a mile from the *cross roads* is a road on the south east which leads to *Wallington*; near the entrance of which, on the right hand side, is a neat dwelling-house belonging to the above Mr. *Ansell*; opposite to which Mr. *Cullison* has a *manufactory* for white-stering.

Road turns short to the left, and at the west corner is a genteel house, belonging to *Samuel Long, Esq.* occupied by Mrs. *Kirkbam*.

Opposite, and upon the west bank of the river, is a fashionable house, built with red brick. This house was rebuilt, a few years since, by Mr. *Parker*.

I was informed that it had been anciently a religious house, subject to the abbey of *Bermonsey*. It is now in the possession of Mr. *Shepley*, proprietor of the oil mills which stand below.

Return TO THE ROAD subsequent to the description of the *Grove* in *Lower Testing* (p. 17.), and continue the Description of the

WESTERN ROAD.

Leave *Testing* parish and enter *Mitcham* parish. On the left is *Colliers Wood*, the seat of *Francis Barlow, Esq.* Secondly of the Crown Office, in the Court of King's Bench.

It is situated about one furlong to the east, and is opened to the road by a pleasant lawn scattered with single trees and a few clumps. The north side of this lawn is bounded with a thick shrubbery, through which is the road to the mansion. The present edifice has been built but a few years (the former one stood near the road side). It is a handsome house, built with grey stock-bricks, and finished in the refined taste, adorned with suitable plantations and good gardens.

On the right is the *Red Lion*, a public house, in the occupation of *Richard Canon*.

On the same side is a neat white house, situated on a slight eminence, about 40 yards from the road. It is in possession of Mr. *Bonus*, who carried on a calico-manufactory in partnership with Mr. *Padmore*, as mentioned farther on.

On the same side is a road which leads up to a genteel brick-house, which stands about 60 yards distance. It belongs to Mr. *Smith*.

Cross a bridge over a small *vill*.

Merton turnpike gate.

On the right is the viii mile stone from the standard in *Cornhill*.

On the same side stands the *Six Bells*, a large public house, in the possession of Mr. *Newman*.

Cross *Merton Bridge*, and on the right the *Wandle* forms a fine canal, or straight piece of transparent water, which extends in a lineal course as far as *Merton* corn-mill, which lies above a quarter of a mile distant. On its west banks is a road, at the farthest end of which is a square white house in possession of Mr. *Padmore*; who, in partnership with Mr. *White*, has a calico-manufactory here.—These premises are now on sale.

On the right is the *King's Head*, a good looking public house, belonging to Mr. *Luckin*, surgeon of *Guy's Hospital*, and in the occupation of *John Woodman*.

Opposite are large *copper-mills* belonging to *Tboytts, Esq.* These mills are under the management of Mr. *Robinson*, who lives in the village of *Merton*.

On the same side is a neat house, late in possession of Mr. *Fenning*.

On the right is a pleasant seat, belonging to the above *Tboytts, Esq.*

The house is situated at an agreeable distance from the road, and is built with grey stock-bricks.

The carriage road, which branches each way from the house, circumscribes a fine grass plot, which is beautifully spotted with shrubs and skirted with ornamental trees and plants; the whole forming a pretty appearance from the road.

This seat is in the possession of *George Chamberlaine, Esq.*

Opposite to the last-described seat is a large high brick house close to the road and adjoining the abbey wall on the west. It is in possession of Mr. *Halfside*, who carries on a calico-manufactory.

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Edm. Lodge, Esq.

Sam. Long, Esq.

J. H. Durand, Esq.

Pall Mall.

Corn-mill.

Paper-mills.

Snuff-mills.

Mr. Ansell.
Mr. Cullison,
White-sterer.

M. Q. R.

Mr. Shepley.

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COLLIERS

WOOD.

Francis Bar-

low, Esq.

VI.—2—62.

VI.—3—06.

Mr. Bonus.

VI.—3—18.

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VI.—3—45.

VII.—0—4

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Six Bells.

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Merton Bridge

VII.—0—25

King's Head.

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Copper-mills.

VII.—0—54

VII.—0—60

Tboytts,

Esq.

G. Chamber-

laine, Esq.

VII.—0—65

Mr. Halfside.

M. Q. R.
VII.—0—55

M. 1.

Newton,
Leech, & Co.

On the left the abbey wall ends against the turnpike, and a road leads by its west wall to some houses situated about a furlong to the south, then turns to the east and leads to a large old building, situated on a low ground, close to the river; at a small distance from which, on the south east, is still remaining the ruins of one of the old chapels belonging to this abbey. The house is in possession of Mr. Newton, who, in partnership with Mr. Leech, has here a callico manufactory.

Merton abbey is enclosed with a flint wall about eight feet high, and contains an area of sixty five acres.

It was antiently called *Mereton*, and properly from being situated near a marsh or watery ground bordering on the river *Wandle*, on which it stands.

It was likewise written *Merantun* and *Merandum*.

It was held by king *William* himself at the time of the survey, and continued in the crown 'till his son *Henry I.* founded a magnificent monastery here in 1121, for the canons of the order of *St. Austin*, dedicated to the *Virgin Mary*.

Gilbert the Norman is said to be founder, and gave to the convent the church of *Kingston*, with four chapels; and *Farulfus de Bolonia* gave them the church of *Karshalton*.

William de Danmartin gave the church of *Effingham*; and *William Testard* two more in *GUILDFORD*.

It was one of the mitred abbeys; and it is remarkable that in its foundation Charter king *Henry* exempts it from all other dominion; he exempts the rights of the *Diocesan* the bishop of *WINCHESTER*.

The tradition is, that here were seven rings of bells and several chapels; part of one of them (as mentioned above) is still remaining, and in *Mr. Aubery's* time it contained an old pulpit and two old gates.

It was likewise the tradition of the inhabitants that the bells of *St. Mary Overy* came from hence, and that there were seven parish churches within the walls. *Mr. Aubery* rather supposes it to be so many chapels.

At the dissolution it was valued, according to *Speed*, at 1039*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* by *Dugdale*, 957*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* ob. per annum.

Walter de Merton, bishop of *ROCHESTER*, and lord chancellor, anno 1274, begun his college here, which he afterwards built at *Oxford*.

At this place was slain *Kenulf*, (a *West-Saxon* king) by *Kindard*, his predecessor's brother, who was banished by *Kenulf*. He was slain at the house of a favorite mistress; and the attendants of this unhappy prince to be revenged of the death of their master, immediately surprized and killed *Kindard*.

In removing the ground to erect some buildings about twenty years ago, were found several pieces of spears, swords, human bones, and other exuviae of a battle: Many stone coffins have been dug up, some of which are now made use of for domestic purposes.

About half a mile south of the abbey is a callico manufactory belonging to *Mr. Rucker*. It has a good brick dwelling house which overlooks the common fields towards *Mitcham*.

On the right is an arm post that directs to *Wandsworth*. A suit at law having lately commenced concerning the repair of this road, it is now made very good for carriages. On the west side of this road, and half a mile north of the turnpike, is *Cowdery-Farm*, a genteel house agreeably situated, the property of *B. B. Hopkins*, Esq. and in the occupation of *Mr. Paterfon*.

On the left near the road is *Merton-Place*, a handsome seat belonging to *Sir Richard Hotham*: It is surrounded with a mote; and under the turnpike road is a passage from the house to some pleasant shrubberies

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MERTON
ABBEY.

King *Kenulf* slain.

Mr. Rucker,

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COWDERY
FARM.

Mr. Paterfon

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PLACE.
Sir Richard
Hotham.

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of a large extent, which lye on the north of the road.

At *Merton turnpike gate* the road turns short to the left.

DESCRIPTION of Parts adjacent.

The strait road leads to the village and church of *Merton*, *Cannon-Hill*, &c. the description of which is as follows.

Three furlongs distance on the right, at an agreeable distance from the road, is a handsome new built house belonging to *Mrs. Simmonds*.

About half a mile distance on the left is rather an antique building belonging to *Mrs. Medcalf*.

A small distance more to the west, on the right, is a genteel house which fronts the former part of the road: It is the property of *Mrs. Simmonds*, and in the occupation of *Mr. Robinson*.—Opposite is a road which leads to the church, which will be described farther on.

About three quarters of a mile distance on the right close to the road, is a good house of modern erection, the property of *John Tyton*, Esq.

About one mile and six furlongs distance, and half a mile south of the *KINGSTON* road adjoining *Merton* common, is *Cannon-Hill*, the seat of *William Mallefon*, Esq. It is a white house, situated on an eminence commanding a pleasant and extensive prospect to the east, over a small park or lawn. On the west are suitable gardens, shrubberies &c. and the soil is a stiff black clay.

About three miles and a half on the *KINGSTON* road, at a small distance to the south, is *Combe-House*, called *Combe-Neuill*, some time the seat of the earl of *Warwick*, now of *Abraham Talmash*, Esq. The front towards the south is white, and overlooks a park: Its very lofty situation gives it a most extensive and beautiful prospect, and renders it a very peripicuous object from *Epsom Downs*, and the hills as far as *Dorking*. The house was built by Sir ——— *Vincent*.

A small distance farther on, near the road on the north side, is a fine spring, over which is a conduit and pipes, laid from thence, passing under the river *Thames*, which convey water to *Hampton-Court* palace.

Merton Church is situated at the south part of the village; it is but small, and built with flints, and is in length 44 paces, and the width of the west part 10 paces. The living is a rectory, at present in the possession of *George Bond*, Esq.

One *William Rutlish*, (embroiderer to king *Charles II.*) who was born in this parish, on his death in 1687, gave several tenements to the value of 400*l.* for putting out poor children of this parish apprentices.

An alms house was built here in 1656; by *Rowland Wilson*, Esq. for six women; with four pound per annum, each, and half a chaldron of coals. He was formerly a vintner, but afterwards turned merchant.

In the church yard near the east end of the chancel, is a tomb to the memory of *Francis Nixon*, of *Merton-abbey*. By the inscription thereon he is said to be the person that first perfected copper-plate callico printing; and died February 17th, 1765, aged 60 years.

A small distance north of the church is a large old mansion house, with good gardens walled in, belonging to *George Bond*, Esq. in the occupation of *Mr. Smith*;

Mrs. Simmonds.

Mr. Medcalf

Mr. Robinson

John Tyton,
Esq.

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CANNON-
HILL.
W. Mallefon,
Esq.

E. L.
COMBE-
HOUSE.
Abraham
Talmash Esq.

The Church

GIVTS to
the Parish.

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George Bond,
Esq.

DESCRIPTION.

DESCRIPTION OF WIMBLEDON, &c.

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L. 1.

7. Meyers, Esq. occup.

Joseph Hudson, Esq.

W. B. Ruff, Esq.

AT Merton turnpike gate the road on the north leads to Wimbledon, at one mile and a half north west. A small distance east from a gate which crosses the road, is a large handsome brick house, pretty lofty, with extensive plantations, agreeably situated on the decline of the hill towards the east, the property of W. B. Ruff, Esq. now rented and occupied by J. Meyers, Esq.

Just above, at the division of the road on the south, is the Dog and Fox inn, kept by Mr. Steele.

The road on the east at one furlong distance on the south side, close to the road, is a genteel house, the property of W. B. Ruff, Esq. in the occupation of Joseph Hudson, Esq.

Near three furlongs distant, and one furlong south of the church, is the seat of William Beaumont Ruff, Esq. The house appears to be new built with brick, and is pretty large; the situation is very high, and commands a prospect of a large extent of country towards the east. It possesses a large tract of pleasure ground and an extensive shrubbery, which surrounds a green plat on the decline of the hill, which lies very pleasant. On the west are large gardens with high fruit walls, &c. which, with the plantations, adjoin those above described in the occupation of Mr. Meyers. — This seat is now vacant.

About one hundred yards west of the church is a handsome range of new stabling belonging to earl Spencer; and at a small distance to the north is the parsonage house, in the occupation of Mr. Townsend.

The church stands near the park, and will be described at the concluding of the survey of Wimbledon.

About one furlong east of the church stood a large and most elegant mansion, the seat of earl Spencer. It was unfortunately burnt down on the 28th, of March, 1785, (being Wimbledon fair day) A maid servant leaving a bed while airing in an upper story, it took fire in her absence and the house was consumed in a short space.

The ruins have been since cleared away and the ground levelled, so that it is scarce perceivable where the house stood. A laundry and a few offices which were preserved from the fire are fitted up for the reception of the family when here.

The house was originally built in the year 1588, by Sir Thomas Cecil, son of lord Burleigh. One of the family was baron of Putney, and viscount Wimbledon; of whom the queen mother purchased this estate, which upon the expulsion of the royal family fell into the hands of general Lambert, who is said to have had the finest nursery and flower garden in ENGLAND. This estate was afterwards possessed by lord Bristol, and the marquis of Carmarthen; and of the latter, in the year 1717, when he was duke of Leeds, was purchased by Sir Theodore Jansen, bart. and upon the South Sea revolution was sold to Sarah, dutchess of Marlborough, who built the late seat where the original one formerly stood; which was an elegant edifice, and said to have cost 28000*l*. The dutchess of Marlborough left it to her grandson John Spencer, Esq. in whose family it still continues.

The house was situated on a pleasant eminence, commanding an extensive prospect to the north and east, comprizing a beautiful view of LONDON, and a variety of noble buildings interspersed throughout its environs. It has a fine park which is about five miles in circumference.

Earl Spencer.

M. Q. R.

L. 1.

W. W. Grenville, Esq.

Rose & Crown

B. Bend Hopkins, Esq.

Mr. Huffman

0—0—26
B. Hay, Esq.

0—0—34
Mrs. Allinson

0—0—52
Miss Hav.

0—0—66
W. T. Astell, Esq.

0—1—2
R. Coere, Esq.

0—1—18

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T. Southouse, Esq.

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J. Meyrick, Esq.

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0—1—51
Crooked-Billet.

Return to the division of the road near the Dog and Fox public house.

About one furlong distant on the north side of the principal street which leads to the common, is a large high brick house, rather of an antique appearance, with a garden in front enclosed with a brick wall, sheltered with high elm trees, the property of George Bond, Esq. and now rented and occupied by the right honorable William Wyndham Grenville, second brother to earl Temple, joint paymaster of the forces, a commissioner of the East India board, a lord of trade and plantations, and Member of parliament for BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A little farther on the same side is the Rose and Crown, a genteel inn, in the occupation of Mr. Mason.

A small distance north west, near the entrance of Wimbledon common, and about sixty yards from the road, is a large white house built in the modern taste, and ornamented with a large extent of pleasure-ground, good gardens, &c. agreeably situated contiguous to Wimbledon park, the property and present residence of Benjamin Bend Hopkins, Esq. who is likewise proprietor of Pains-Hill, another pleasant seat situated near Cobham in this county.

Near one mile from hence in the road to Putney, in the common, is a neat little house belonging to Mr. Huffman. It is only divided from the park by the road.

The south side of Wimbledon common consists of an assemblage of gentlemen's houses, most delightfully situated, and commanding an extensive prospect to the north over a fine level plain, composed of the most fertile part of Wimbledon heath; and on the south most of them have good gardens, from whence is a pleasant prospect over the luxuriant vale beneath.

For a description of each worth notice I shall begin at the south east angle and proceed towards the west; with the distance measured from the division of the roads opposite the Rose and Crown inn.

The first is a good brick house situated about twenty yards from the road, the property of Benjamin Hay, Esq.

The next is a white house belonging to Miss Lewis, in the occupation of Mrs. Allinson.

The following one is a small genteel house, low built, in the possession of Miss Hay.

The next is a handsome modern built brick house, with a suitable tract of pleasure ground. It was late the property of William Wilberforce, Esq. now purchased by William Thornton Astell, Esq. of Clapham.

The following is a low built house belonging to Richard Coere, Esq. adjoining the garden is a pleasant inclosure; and over the gate which leads from thence to Ridgway-Lane, are two remarkable large ribs of a whale.

The next is a good house built with grey stock bricks, the property of Mr. Whookey, and late in the possession of counsellor Bray, at present vacant.

Almost close to the road is a small house, rather low. It is held upon lease under B. B. Hopkins, Esq. by Thomas Southouse, Esq.

A small distance from the road is a neat white house, in the possession of James Meyrick, Esq. agent, in Parliament-Street.

Leave the common. On the right is the Crooked-Billet, a small public house, many years in the possession of Mr. F. Wray.

Opposite

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0-1-62
F. Pigou, Esq.
Mrs. Chambers.

Opposite is a large brick double house; the first is in the possession of Frederick Pigou, Esq. that adjoining in Mrs. Chambers.—These and two following are the property of countess Lawson.

0-1-70
Mr. Page.

A little below on the decline of the hill, is a neat house in the occupation of Mr. Page.

0-2-3
J. Eyles, Esq.

Near the foot of the hill is a genteel house whose ends form a semi-octagon, in the possession of J. Eyles, Esq. Here are some pleasant shrubberies belonging which are kept very neat.

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Cross the vale.

Vincent Corbet, Esq.

On the summit of the hill is a modern built brick house, of an octagonal form, held upon lease under B. B. Hopkins, Esq. by Vincent Corbet, Esq. who is making some alterations and additions to it. The situation in the summer is agreeable, as it commands an extensive prospect to the south. This is the last house on the south side of the road from Wimbledon heath, to a road on the south called Ridgeway-Lane, those on the north are but small houses.

L. 1.

PROSPECT PLACE.
M. I. Levy, Esq.

About a quarter of a mile distant in the road to KINGSTON, on the south side of Ridgeway-Lane, is a handsome villa, belonging to Moses Isaac Levy, Esq. (an elegant plate, being a west view, is given in this work) This seat was built a few years since by Peter Taylor, Esq. but the present affluent possessor has added much to it. The ground floor consists of two drawing rooms, one 30 feet by 20, the other 24 feet by 18, a dining parlour 24 feet by 22, and a study 30 feet by 17; with other good rooms in the central part, and convenient detached offices for servants. It is situated on a gravelly soil, and, as its name implies, commands an extensive prospect, which towards the south is agreeably diversified.

The gardens contains about six acres, which are judiciously laid out, and has a hot house and forcing walls 140 feet long, which from their situation produces fine fruit very early.

S. Castle, Esq.

About half a furlong south of the last described, commanding a similar prospect, is a seat in possession of Samuel Castle, Esq. banker, in Lombard-Street. It has a pleasant little lawn on the west, bounded by the road on the north, and terminates in the vale beneath.

On the north are woods which extend several miles to the west, called Comb-Woods. Comb-House is described under Merton.

W. Blake, Esq.

Return to Wimbledon common for a description of the houses situated on the west side, proceeding from the angle opposite Mr. Pigou's, described above.

At a small distance from the angle is a large brick house, pretty high, the property of countess Lawson, and in possession of William Blake, Esq.

Near one furlong further is a genteel house, the property of the honorable Thomas Grosvenor, in the occupation of William Jackson, Esq. It has good offices on the north, with a grass plat in front enclosed against the road by a brick wall.

Hon. Henry Dundas.

About the middle of the west side is another seat belonging to the honorable Thomas Grosvenor, in possession of the right honorable Henry Dundas, treasurer of the navy, a lord of trade and plantations, a commissioner of the East India board, and member of parliament for Edinburghshire, in SCOTLAND. The house is a low building and situated near half a furlong from the road.

Near the termination on this side is a neat brick house belonging to Mr. Dicker, and rented by Mrs. Stedman.

A small distance more to the north is a handsome white house which commands an extensive prospect almost on every point of the compass. The gardens

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L. 1.
C. E. Wilfonn Esq.

An antient CAMP.

on the west lie very pleasant and overlook the vale beneath. It is the seat of C. E. Wilfonn, Esq.

Near the interior angle of the common is an enclosure which extends about a furlong to the west, at the east end of which is the poor house belonging to the parish; at the west end a new octagonal brick building is lately erected for a charity School for fifty boys.

About a quarter of a mile to the west, on the side of the heath near Warren-Farm, is an old camp, single ditched, containing an area of about seven acres; it is situated upon a dry gravelly soil, but upon no eminence except a small valley towards the west: The inhabitants call it the Rounds, from its circular form, from whence it is conjectured to be Danish; Mr. Camden found somebody that had heard it called Cnebesborough, which might make him more confident that this was the place called Wibandune, where a battle was fought in the year 568, at which Ethelbert, king of Kent, was routed by Ceaulin; and his brother defeated Ethelbert, and chased him back to Kent: Of Ethelbert's army was killed Oslac and Cneboa. But the camp is too small to contain a large army, and from being situated on no advantageous ground it is rather supposed to have been a fortress antiently made for the exercise of soldiery, and the instruction of the Tyrones in the method of fortification.

Wimbledon-Heath and Putney-Heath are only divided by bound posts which are placed for the division of the parishes; the two commons contain an area of about one thousand acres, which lie very level and command an extensive prospect. On it sometimes his Majesty reviews the soldiers.

W I M B L E D O N

IS an antient village, about eight miles and a half from Westminster-Bridge; the name seems to have been Wandleton, from being situated upon the river Wandlen: It is not mentioned in Domesday, therefore it appears to have been waste ground at the conquest; or it might be a common to Mortlake, as that manor in the Confessor's reign must have had more land then at present, as it was rated at fourscore hides.

The village lies high and possesses a pure air: The church is situated on the east side, and contains several antient monuments; one of black marble in a Southern chapel, is erected to the memory of Sir Edward Cecil, knight, lord Cecil, baron of Putney, and viscount Wimbledon. He was third son of Thomas, earl of EXETER, and grandchild of the lord treasurer Burleigh; he followed the wars in the NETHERLANDS; five and thirty years; he passed the degrees of captain of foot and horse, colonel of foot, and colonel of the ENGLISH horse, at the battle of NEWPORT, in FLANDERS; and was admiral and lord marshall, lieutenant-general and general, against the king of SPAIN and emperor, in the service of king James and king Charles the first; and at his return was made counsellor of state and war, lord lieutenant of the county of SURREY, and captain and governor of PORTSMOUTH.

At the entrance of the church yard, on the south side, is a large and elegant Chantry, belonging to the family of Benjamin Bond Hopkins, Esq.

In the chancel, on brass plates, are epitaphs for two Rectors of this church. It is a peculiar of the archbishop's: The patronage is in Worcester college. The present incumbent is the Rev. Mr. Randolph.

The church is now rebuilding, and the chancel left standing. In the east window of the latter is some coats of arm well preserved, beautifully stained on the Glass, particularly those of the duke of Leeds.

RETURN

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MOORDON-PLACE.

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Moordon-Place
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Return TO THE ROAD at Merton turnpike gate. On the left about half a furlong from the road on the south banks of the river *Wandle*, is a large white house, called *Moordon-Place*, a seat belonging to *Owen Meyrick*, Esq. successor to the late *Richard Garth*, Esq. now rented and occupied by *Thomas Sainsbury*, Esq. the present lord mayor of *LONDON*.
The house is situated very low, and the pleasure ground which surrounds it is bounded on every side excepting the west by the river.
The road bears to the right; that on the left leads to *Mitcham*.

DESCRIPTION of the Road towards *Mitcham* as far as *Moordon-Lane*, and of *Moordon-Lane*.

About two furlongs and a half distance, and half a furlong east of the road, is *Moordon-Grove*, the seat of *Mr. Groves*, rented and occupied by *John Munt*, Esq. it stands on the west banks of the river *Wandle*, is a neat house, and has a genteel garden between it and the road.

Half a furlong farther is *Moordon-Lane*: at the entrance on the south side, an indifferent good house with a turret on the top, is the property of *Mr. Chambers*, and at present to be let.

One furlong from the east end on the north side, is a neat house in the occupation of *Mr. John Edwards*, a capital drawer in the callico line.

A small distance more to the west on the same side, is a good house, the east part is in the occupation of *Mr. Rutter*, who keeps a boarding-school here for young gentlemen; the other part is in the occupation of *Mr. Ansell*, engraver. Both the last described are the property of *Mr. Clabow*, Attorney at Law, in *Chancery-Lane*.

MOORDON-GROVE.
J. Munt,
Esq.

Rutter's
Boarding-
School.

VIII.—0—62

VIII.—1—59

VIII.—0—39

M. Chalie,
Esq.

IX.—0—30

MOORDON-PARK.

Moordon-Park
IX.—0—30

Return TO THE ROAD at *Moordon-Place*.

On the right is the *Crown*, a modern built Inn, occupied by *Mr. Hammond*.

On the left is a genteel house with a small garden in front, held upon lease under *Owen Meyrick*, Esq. by *Mr. Shoard*, and occupied by *Matthew Chalie*, Esq.

At the angle of the road one furlong to the west is *Moordon-Park*, late the seat of captain *Conway*. The lease of about 80 years unexpired is now purchased by *Mr. Bridges*, of *Ewell* powder-mills, and *Mr. Kitchen*, Builder at *Ewell*, held under *Owen Meyrick*, Esq. lord of the manor.

The greatest part of the land which surrounds the house was at a great expence converted into a park by its late possessor; it contains several ornamental buildings, one in particular called the *Temple Tea-Room*, which lies near the middle of the park, on a rising ground a small distance west of the house, is most worthy of notice; it is erected on an artificial hill or mound, which you ascend by a spirial walk of about 186 yards in length: The building is designed in taste suitable to its intention, and commands a pretty prospect of the park and a circular view of a large extent of country. The soil is a stiff black clay disagreeably wet in the winter and dry and parching in the summer. The house has two fronts, that on the west overlooks a small valley; on the north west are gardens, plantations, &c. and on the opposite side are shrubberies which bound the park against the turnpike road.

On the west by the road side is *Moordon* church; its length is 41 paces and width 12, and consists of a square tower situated at the west end.

IX.—0—66

M. Q. R.

IX.—1—0

IX.—1—6

George-Inn.

M. 2.

IX.—1—62

IX.—2—32

IX.—3—71

Pilford-Bridge

X.—1—3

X.—1—40

XI.—0—0

XI.—0—6

Cross of
Direction

L. 3

It is a rectory in the deanery of *Ewell*, and has been many years in the possession of the name and family of *Garth*, several of whom lies buried in the chancel of this church.

The present incumbent is the Rev. *J. Piets*, D. D. On the east is *Moordon-Lane*; at the entrance of which, on the south side, is a *Charity-School* for twelve children, instituted by *Mrs. Elizabeth Gardiner*. A rent charge on an estate at *Meajham*, in this county, supports this charity.

On the west is the *George-Inn*, the property and in possession of *Mr. William Martin*.

About one furlong south of the *George*, is a neat house of a modern erection, commanding a pleasant prospect, belonging to *Christopher Chambers*, Esq.

A gradual ascent continues to a small bridge. Leave *Moordon-Park*.

Enter *Sutton-Common*; about three furlongs distant to the right is *Lower-Moordon*, which consists of several small houses.

Leave *Sutton-Common*. A gradual descent continues to a small bridge called *Pilford-Bridge*.

Enter *Elm-Lane*, which is so called from the trees which the hedges abound with on either side.

Leave *Elm-Lane*. Enter *Cream-Common*.

The same side is a cross of direction, the left to *Cream* village, the right to *Malden*, a village almost two miles to the east, which I shall here describe.

M A L D E N

HAS a manor called *Tonbrige*, from *Richard de Tonbrige*, who was lord here at the survey: It was held under him by *Robert de Watevile*. In the Confessor's reign it was held by one *Erding*, when it went for eight hides, valued at 7l. per annum. in the Conqueror's for four, valued at 6l. 12s.

Here was a chapel, a mill, and four acres of meadow; and the lord had of lean hogs in paunage time, one out of seven.

The chapel I conjecture to be that of *Chefington*, which may be the modern *Chefelden*, a chapelry to *Malden*, though *Malden* in *Edward I.* reign has no chapelry mentioned with it; nor is *Chefelden* to be found in the *Valor* of that age.

Here is likewise the *abbot's manor*. One *William de Watevile*, held it under the abbot of *CHERTSEY*. The abbot had held it in king *Edward's* reign, therefore it does not appear by whom it was granted to him.

The manor of *Malden* belongs to *Merton-College*, *OXFORD*, who sometimes have leased it out: Probably it was given them by *Walter Merton*, bishop of *ROCHESTER*, in the reign of *Edward I.* when lord chancellor.

The church is dedicated to *St. John*. The vicarage is in the gift of *Merton-College*. It is situated on a rising ground, with a river running beneath a hanging hill on the west; its length is 13 paces, width 5 and 1 foot.

Near the south side of the east window, on a black marble encased in white, is an epitaph for *John Good*, Esq. lord of the manor, and patron of the living under *Merton-College*, who rebuilt the church from the ground. He died in the year 1627, aged 29 years.

Under the former is another to the memory of *Mrs. Jane Brussett*, a widow indeed,

Whom neither Wealth or Wit could move
To choose a Second Mate,
But for her Child and Husband's love
Remain'd in Widow's state.

On the east wall is another no less resolved, *Sir Thomas Morley*, who died in 1693, aged 65 years.

