

MILTON SUBSCRIPTION TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED BY DR. SPARROW SIMPSON
TO THE REV. E. W. CARPENTER, VICAR OF MILTON,
NEAR SITTINGBOURNE.

I RECEIVE with pleasure your interesting communication. It appears that King James I. came in great state to the Cathedral on Sunday, March 26, 1620, where he heard a sermon by the "King of Preachers," Bishop King of London, on behalf of the restoration of the Cathedral. He was afterwards sumptuously entertained by the Bishop at the Palace adjacent to St. Paul's.

On November 16 the King issued his Royal Commission to collect funds for the Restoration, and to carry out the work. Amongst other provisions, it directed "that there should be letters patent issued out for the receiving of public contributions from all people throughout the whole Kingdom." During eleven years contributions flowed in from all estates and conditions of men. By 1632 steps were taken to commence the works under Inigo Jones. As much as £101,330 4s. 8d. appears to have been collected between 1631 and 1643 (inclusive).

About £35,551 2s. 4½d. was expended, when the troubles came which brought the good work to a close. The money was seized. Doubtless your parish contribution formed part of the large sum already named.

9 AMEN COURT, E.C.

19 August 1895.

THE NAMES OF SUCH PERSONS AS CONTRIBUTED TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LONDON, BY VERTUE OF WARRANT FROM THE JUSTICES DIRECTED TO THE CHURCHW. OF MILTON.

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| (Ro)ger Barton ¹ | xij ^d | Ric. White | vj ^d |
| Redman ² | ij ^s | Nic. Bonnd | vj ^d |
| Bassett ³ | xij ^d | Allen Archer ¹³ | iiij ^d |
| (U)sher ⁴ | xvii ^d | Jo. Earle | vj ^d |
| (E)myott ⁵ | xij ^d | Henr. Sam'on ¹⁴ | vj ^d |
| Bathurst ⁶ | xij ^d | Jo. Reafe | iiij ^d |
| (U)dall | xij ^d | Ric. White | iiij ^d |
| Barnes | xij ^d | Edw. Ottringham ¹⁵ | iiij ^d |
| (Wa)tts ⁷ | vj ^d | Henr. Rose | iiij ^d |
| Sum'ers | vj ^d | Geo. Mason ¹⁶ | vj ^d |
| Jancocke ⁸ | xij ^d | Elizabeth Peeters ¹⁷ | iiij ^d |
| Hubbard | viiij ^d | Geo. Tayler | iiij ^d |
| Crocker | xij ^d | Tho. Morriss | vj ^d |
| Tho. Frudd ⁹ | xvii ^d | Eliz. Horsley ¹⁸ | vj ^d |
| Ric. Waterton | xij ^d | Arthur Cocke ¹⁹ | vj ^d |
| Jo. Turner | xvii ^d | Jo. Lawton | iiij ^d |
| Andrew Knocke ¹⁰ | xij ^d | Henr. Cosen | vj ^d |
| Tho. Milner | vj ^d | Ric. Knowler | vj ^d |
| Fran. Bradford | iiij ^d | Tho. Harker | vj ^d |
| Ro. Taylor | iiij ^d | Stephen Philpott ²⁰ | vj ^d |
| James Moyes ¹¹ | vj ^d | Tho. Spynney | viiij ^d |
| Tho. Atkins ¹² | iiij ^d | Francis West ²¹ | vj ^d |
| Stephen Baker | iiij ^d | | |

¹ Roger Barton signed the Vestry Book in 1620. There are entries in the Registers of Bartons from 1586 to 1630. The name does not appear again until 1661, in "An Assesse upon y^e Abilities of the Inhabitants: Tho. Barton, g^r, pays 4^s." His name is found until 1690, when he died.

² Several of this name in Registers, etc. Thomas Redman was married in 1627. Richard frequently signed the Vestry Book, and was Overseer several times, as was Thomas, and Thomas was Churchwarden 1643 and 1644.

³ Thomas Bassett, married 1633; Sydeman 1635.

⁴ Thomas Usher, Overseer 1635.

⁵ Nicholas Emyott, Churchwarden 1620.

⁶ John Bathurst, Churchwarden 1611 and 1612.

⁷ William Watts, Vestry Book 1616. John, Sideman 1636.

⁸ Edward Jancocke, Sydeman 1634.

⁹ Tho. Frudd, Supervisor 1634.

¹⁰ Sydeman 1635.

¹¹ Mr. James Moyes, householder, buried 1654.

¹² Supervisor 1641.

¹³ Married 1628; Sydeman 1634.

¹⁴ Married 1630; Vestry Book 1632.

¹⁵ Married 1629.

¹⁶ Sydeman 1634.

¹⁷ Elizabeth, wife of Jo. Peeters, buried March 24, 1623.

¹⁸ Elizabeth, wife of Richard Horsley, buried March 4, 1636.

¹⁹ Buried 1640.

²⁰ Vestry Book 1620, 1621; Churchwarden 1629.

²¹ Sideman 1636.

Total subscribed by 45 persons £1 10s. 2d., in sums varying from 3d. to 2s.