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ELIZABETH WILLOUGHBY

"On examination of Col. William Willoughby's accounts, it was found that .L1622. 16s. 4d., for the hire of ships to guard the Thames during the insurrections in Kent and Essex, were due at the time of his death ; and the Council of State on October 3 1 ordered that it should be paid to his wife out of the excise in course, with an allowance at six per cent, until paid.

"On petition of Elizabeth widow of Col. William Willoughby, November 1651, search was made to see if warrant was issued for payment of L300. to Col. Willoughby and Company (Maurice Thompson and William Pennoyer) for the loan of two ships for the service of Ireland ; and, if so, cancel it . . . and L150. still due to his estate to be raised, etc., etc' "Calendar of State Papers."

"After the Colonel's death his widow made application to Parliament, from time to time, for repayment of the monies which her husband's patriotic zeal had so liberally expended for the public welfare ; but we fail to learn definitely with what successful result.

" Mrs. Willoughby continued to reside for a while in Portsmouth, but after the Restoration was living in London, whence, we have every reason to believe, she accompanied her son Francis to New England in the summer of 1662. On the Charlestown Records there is an entry of ' Willoughby died 15th Sept. 1662,' which undoubtedly refers to the lady in question ; and Mr. Wyman, the historian of that place, is of the same opinion. Her Will, dated 'London, May 1662,' was identified by her son Mr. Francis Willoughby at Charlestown, who, being sworn, '23; 12 mo 1662' [23 February, 1662-63], 'do say that he found this instrument in the box of the abovesaid Mrs Eliz : Willoughby his mother, and took ye same thence after her decease, and that according to his best knowledge y^e subscripcon of her name It is wrote by her owne Hand, and yl He knows of no after will.' Entry and record was made 2 : 2 mo :1663, in the Middlesex co. Probate Court East Cambridge, Mass., where the original may still be seen on file, the seal bearing an impression of the following arms, viz : A chevron engrailed between three boar's heads."

"In regard to William son of Col. William and Elizabeth Willoughby,

Mr. Greenwood writes in his manuscript notes :

" Whether the mother was disposed to look with more leniency upon the failings of her offspring, we may not know, suffice it, the prodigal was

forgiven and received the legacies bequeathed by his father, whom he did not long survive."

"The old Navy Office in London was in Seething Lane, and there no doubt Col. William Willoughby must have resided, as did his widow and his son after him, when in London. The famous courtier and statesman Sir Francis Walsingham and many other distinguished men resided in the same Lane. It was in close vicinity to Buttolph's Lane where was the home of the widow of Enoch Lynde, and to the Tower of London. When the Kings of England held their Court in the Tower, it was natural that the presence of royalty should attract many of the nobility and gentry to reside in the then fashionable vicinity of the royal fortress."

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