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A little preface

1680 Some perhaps may wonder that I haue written on and the same thing so often ouer; and why I haue noted down in thes books thos things that are soe clearly printed in the statutes of the obligations for the liuing and the dead, & the like.

To this I answere that experience hath taught me that very often, that ether by accidents things ar lost or some less concerned spirits happens to haue such things in keeping and but litle regards them; and so by degrees they come to be lost or neglected: but beeing thus duplicated & kept by seuerall persons, they will not so easily be destroyed; and though we in this age may but litle regard them yet I am perswaded some that may succeed us will be glad to find things put unto a Methode for them.

And for what is about the constitutions carrying noe tye with them puts no obligation ether uppon Superious or others to obserue them; but is to mee for my life of much conueniency, to haue such perticulers ready at hand noted down to help my ill memory, and ease

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my thoughts of such litle concerns; so that I hope all will take in good part what is intended for the best at least seemes soe to mee;

theyr humble seruant

Anne Neuille

Abbesse

Unworthy.

My Lady Eugenia beeing but 46 years of age put me out of care of any iudgment the world could make of my coming here to expect a Crozier; nor was ther any grownd for me to fear it, and had my ambition binn never so great ther was no haunt for any hope to lurck in. So it beeing in a manner thus secure from any probable grownd, what others might say, or naturall ambition and pride desire, or expect; I knew no caus to feare or prouide to waue that storme which came so suddaynly uppon me. For I had not binn heer 12 months full out, when my Deare lady Eugenia was taken from us to a better life, & I a stranger, the least deseruing or knowing in theyr affayrs, founde my selfe chargde with this weighty burthen; which much surprizde me, hauing donn soe litle or rather nothing to deserue it at Gods hands, or the Communities, hauing heere nether frends, fortun nor language, to promote theyr interest; hauing binn admitted without portion or pension, ever settled in any kynd to them, or likly to bee; and beeing wholly unexperienst in the ways of the Country or Community. Uppon whom shold I depend, or where shold I cast myself, but at the feete of the All mighty, and into the armes of his holy prouidence. And next to this support, and that of the fauaurable assistance of Our Blessed Lady, my greatest comfort was in the excellent vertu and solid perfection of the Community; beeing much encouraged by the union of theyr votes in my ellection to be perswaded of Gods assisting grace and spirit directing them; and theyr affection in that concurring action of my so undeserved promotion, which obligde me to acquiesse and humbly to submit to Gods diuine ordinance, and theyr free assisting will which made me

the most unworthy theyr Abbesse & superiour. And though I receaud it as a mark of honnore and benevolence from the hands of God and the Community, yet I euen then instantly found that in my assuming the seate of powre & dignity I lost and gaue away my liberty, for now I was to be no more at my owne freedome, but Gods dispose, & the Comunitys. I was to haue noe regard to any other interest, but that of All mighty God, and this family of his comitted to my care; nor could I expect succes or happiness but in my recourse to him, and dependance on him, and his holy prouidence. Now my only endeauour was to be to loue and serue him & the Community, and I then accepted the office with confusion considering my inabillity & unworthiness so haue I still reason to blush and bewayle my many errors before Almighty God and the Community. who haue neuer binn fayling in theyr duty to God and theyr dutyfull kyndness to me; for which I hope God will reward them. and as his neuer fayling prouidence hath hither to mercifully assisted us in all our wants & distresses, so I hope his abounding goodness [will] neuer fayle to do so for the future. We cannot but owne this hows hath binn for many years in so sinking a condition,

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as we could neuer haue subsisted, but by the preuenting goodness and prouidence of God, which euen in a kynd of miraculous manner hath preserued it from distruction not by any industry of myn or other humayne powre but by his owne wisdome and prouidence euer to be adorde and loude, by all & for all ages. *Ut notam faciant filiis hominum potentiam tuam; et gloriam magnificentiae regni tui.*

A Summary of severall perticulers of most noate and remark to be kept uppon record and redused to memory and practis for the discharge of diuers dutyes and obligations. Of Almes receaud by the Community.

1 Almes is on of the most efficatious and meritorious actions, by which through the merits of christ, we can hope to expiat our sinnes, and cut of part of the punishment du to them; both in this life and purgatory, that is the Golden key that oppens heauens gate; with most ease and assurance to us.

And though by our vow of pouerty wee are depriued of the powre of enjoyng to our owne use, or disposing of temporall ritches, Yet by the universall approbation of the holy Roman Catholick Church, and generall custom of all Religious Orders, things of this nature ar so happily stated and ordered with so much prudence, as we ar not exempted ether from the receauing or giuing almes, proportionable to our state and condition, by which we ar fully inabled to receaue of secular persons such Almes and ritches as they shal bestow uppon the Religious and Community. for Gods Honnore and pyous uses support. and mayntenance of the Religious. And I make no question but as we are highly obliged for this great aduauntage, all endeauours to render them a iust return agayn of spirituall Almes, of prayers pious labours and austerities, for thos intentions both for the liuing & the deade, for which they bestowed uppon them thos temporall almes, so thus you may see on both sides Almes is the marchendis for which wee trafick for heauen, and is truly meritorious, and of great force & efficacy, prouided it be attended and accompanied with all thos propertyes and conditions, which shold be annexed to it, to render them agreeable and acceptable to Almighty God, and of aduauntage to thos by whom and for whom they were giuen, as well as for thos by whom they are receaud and enjoyed.

2 Some perhaps may say that since the giuing of temporall goods is of so great merit Religious persons are depriued of that great blessing in theyr disinablement by theyr vow of

pouerty to assist the poore but certainly nether we nor poore, haue any reason to complayn of that, since spirituall blessings do so farr exceede & out vye the temporall as ther is no comParison between them, so much the one excels the other. and of this sort of riches Religion affords us a plentiful share, and it is allways in our powre to serue poore out of this stock. Nether are we so intirly excluded from assisting the poore, euen in temporall Almes in severall kynds for beside thos many orders which in a manner wholly addict themselus, to serue in hospitalls,

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visit and releue poore prisoners. releasing slaues and the like, ther is no Community what some euer but in diuers ways assists the poore; some by imploying them in litle duties & labours, to gayn breade, others by assisting them when they may stand in neede of phisitians or surgeons without exacting many or other recompence for it; and though they keepe noe great table or hospitallity yet generally ther is allways something to be disposed of to the poore, and this dispensed to them with the spirit of charity and sweetness. Seruing christ in theyr persons is of great merit. and according to that vertu, with which thes litle actions may be performd, they may out ballance euen bags of golde, giuen with vanity and less purity of life and concience; and it doth much import all religious persons highly to prize and esteeme thes kynd of imployments, and to perform them with great exactness and diligence. My Lady Lucy Knatchbull, first Abbess of our Congregation at Gaunt, wold often prepare that which the poore was to haue, sorting and diuiding on litle earthen dishes on thing from an other; and wold reprehend thos that she saw cast all things unhandsomely together in a dish; and she wold say Christ was serude in the poore, and therefore that action was to be performde with cleanliness, decency and respect; of which she gaue many good examples by her own practis; and was no question much aduauant to that union she held with All mighty God and continually walking in his diuin presence by the perfection she practisde in thes litle occasions. And by this you may see the best and deuoutest way of disposing of temporall almes is not wholly out of our powre; but that Religion giues us the best means to practis them with perfection and deuotion.

On of the cheefe ways by which prouidence assists his seruants is by Almes  
A Summary of somme records, duties and obligations.

3 Now as almes is on[e] of the greatest benefits and aduantages that we can giue or receaue, soe ther must be singular care taken that thos that giues almes to us may not be frustrated of theyr expectation by it. but that according to the measure of the charity wee receaue, wee endeauour to render a competent return, of prayers and other pyous good works by which we shall both pay the duty of gratitude, which wee owe to our Benefactors and take the best course we can in our powre to oblige All mighty God, to inspire his Seruants in the world to be bountifull to his Seruants in Religion, to assist them to support and carry on a Religious state by theyr liberallity, but if we fayle in the discharge of this duty we then frustrate, in great part, the intended pyety of the giuer, and we also put a mayne obstacle to the bounty and prouidence of God, by which perhaps, we shold haue binn made more largely hereafter pertakers of his bounty, had we more carefully and obligingly complied with charity in thos former occasions.

4 One cheefe obligation for such as receaues Almes is to imploy what is giuen as farr as is proper and may be in our powre, conformde

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to the intention of the giuer, & faithfully to comply with suche tyes & dutyes, as ar annexed to the obligation or contract for which the Almes is declared to be giuen; & we ought to make a scruple of the contrary, unless things are left to our owne free liberty, when as God shall inspire the Superiour she may determin what she thinks fitt. In things of great consequence, the Community's concurrence may be demanded.

#### A Summary of some records, dutyes, and obligations

5 As it is to be beleueed, that on[e] cheefe end for which Almes is giuen, is to obtain some perticuler benefit from the hands of Almighty God, and this by means of the prayers and other good works of thos to whom they impart this beneuolence. Soe certaynly thos that receaue the Almes are obliged so farr to endeauour to concurr, on their parts, to aduaunce theyr hopes and expectation, that the Success may not fayle by their omission to pray for them, and this though no perticuler obligation be imposde by the donation bestowed uppon us, yet certaynly as they confide in our endeauours and deuotions, to aduaunce theyr hopes in Gods mercy and bounty, both for the graunt of what they desir to obtayn for the present. and the reward of theyr charity for the future; so no question but ther is such a debt contracted on our parts by receauing what they giue as an Almes; as we are, and shall be obligde to pay it in this or the other world:

6 For my lord Abbot Montagu and Sr Richard Forster, as they are esteemed founders, hauing giuen us, the greatest part of the foundation we haue, soe they inioy thos priuileges. which the statute ordayns for founders.

7 For others where ther is nothing stated or contracted with the giuer, by the Superiour and Community, it is left to the prudence of the Abbess. But when the gift is great, and the return more the ordinary, or for any lenth of time, then certaynly it is best that the Community ioyne with the Abbess that by mutuall consent what is proper may be ordered, and a due return made to the benefactor.

8 When any legacy is giuen or other perticuler Almes bestowed the Abbess prescribes and giues order what prayers, or other good works shall be donne in acknowledgment, proportionable to the gift, or due consideration of other graver obligations to the persones.

9 If mony or other perticuler aduantages be by relations or other frends bestowed uppon theyr kindred or other perticuler persons, it no ways ingageth the generall, unless it be applyed to the benefit and seruice of the Community; but if the Abbess permits them to haue it for theyr owne use and litle occasions, then let them not expect to haue the Community offer anything in perticuler on that account; but let them apply theyr owne prayers & good works in recompense and gratitude; and what they can procure for them of others free charity & kindness.

10 What is giuen to the priuate use of perticuler persons may as the Abbess pleaseth, if the Religious desirs it; be registered in the book of benefactors; or in a place appoynted apart; that so

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they may partake of thos generall prayers & dutyes, performde by all for the Benefactors of the monastery.

11 Hauing sayd thus much in order to benefactors, and the return wee ought to make for such as bestoweth almes or charityes uppon us, or hath notably laboured for the good and seruice of the monastery, I shall presume so farr uppon the Approbation of the Community, as for my life time, to assigne certayn anniversary Masses to be sayd for some of thos perticuler

frends that were bountifull and seruisable in theyr life time to the hows. Yet with out any intention to inuolue my Successors or the Community, to continu them or any ways stand obliged to haue the masses, ether now or then: to thes I shall add a yearly anniversary sed Mass for our former Abbesses deceased out of my respect and kyndness to them whom I had the honnore, both to know & obey as my Superiours, and I desir by the testimony of a priuat anniversary Mass, as well to express & pay my loue & duty to them as to assist them by vertu of that diuine Sacrifice, towards the expiation of what they may be lyable to pay in purgatory for any deffects contracted through humayn fraylty by occasion of thos many incumbers, and difficult affayrs, to which they must be incident by beeing cheefe Superiours, and the makes me the more desirous to serue them by the way of aduantage, knowing and feeling the weight of thes hard employments: I hope it will not be ill taken of;

your most obliged humble servant;  
Anne Neuille D'Aburgueueny, Abbesse vnworthy.  
November 3d Anno Domini 1681  
principal 12,000.

When I tooke up the charge of the Community wee were in number 52 persons in family to mayntayn, thes and for all other occurances,

we had by our farme hear at Pontoys rents	6000 – 0 <sup>lies</sup>
left at Bullogn	6900 – 0
the pensions we then had for the Nouiship & Conuerse might be some	2966 – 19
Anno 1667 This was all we had to subsist by	
The debt of the haws as then appeard uppon the book was	16,348 – liuers
To pay part of this and conclude the reffectory & cells	
then begun, I took up at 5 per cent of a frend the	
summe of	3,000 0 0
more a litle after of the mother of Roan at the same	
rate	5,000 0 0

Thus you may see, how truly prouidence did both then and since so perticulerly assist us; for how could I with out frends or fortun haue born out the first encounter of difficultys had not Gods mercy perticulerly assisted us; and though my lord Abbot Montagu was extreemly kynd and encouraging by the promises of his assisting help and fatherly protection, yet some tow or 3 years past before his lordship began to impart his bounty to us by thos noble gifts he after

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gaue us, yet we still rubdt out; and when Almighty God saw it time to rays us a worthy and liberall benefactor, his holy spirit breathde the bounty into my dear lord Abbot Montagu, who proude so kynd a father to us as we can neuer expect to find the like. Notwithstanding I am perswaded, that tho we must not look for such an other, yet Almighty God, will by his holy prouidence so prouid and take care of us, as we shall neuer be desert by him unless we first forsake him, from which misery I hope his goodness will preserue us and our Blessed Lady will deffend us, whos deuoted and dedicated children we are and I confid shall euer so comport our selues, as to be so esteemed by her greatness, favoured and assisted by her powre & protection.

A summary of some perticuler dutyes obligations and practises of Deuotion:

Sir Richard Forster at Bullogn and Pontoys gaue this Community all which was receaud in ready mony the full summe of 41,000 Liuers besids goods and other assignments of iust and du debts

to him which to the value of 10,000 sterling; of which we shall never see a penny, but are not the less obliged to his kindness and good intention in the gift. The first money he gave at Bullogne was some 30,000 liuers to begin a foundation, and is therefore esteemed as one of our founders and accordingly is partaker of all that the statutes appoint for those of that rank.

My Lord Abbot Montagu was both our friend, father and benefactor and, by the constituted rents he left us, our founder; and is answerably paid those duties the statutes ordain; the summe of the rents were 64,150

The particular summes given us by these two worthy persons are clearly and fully set down in their proper places, when received, and how disposed of.

In general my Lord Abbot Montagu gave us to pay debts for building, to maintain the houses, and in portions for two of the Dames as is specified, in due form & manner in the accounts the full summe of 76,219

Summe of these two 140,369

Prayers and other duties for friends and Benefactors.

Those for whom we have Anniversaries; saying or singing the whole Dirge, with a solemn Mass;

For Sir Richard Forster; He died the 27 of January 1661

my lady Christina Forster; Daughter to Sir Richard, our 2nd Abbess she died the same year 1661 upon the 16 of December;

My Lord Abbot Montagu His Lordship died in the year 1677 on the 5th of February;

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Commonly we communicate and here Mass upon St Gualters day for his Lordship; and ordinarily we have a Mass said for his soule once every month; at least as I desire and have ordered for my life; and that all should here Mass monthly for him;

The low Masses before specified only intended by me for my life time are assigned to the following:

1 My Lady Catherin Wigmore who was the first Abbess at Bullogn, a person of most exemplar vertue; she died 1656 on the 29 of October.

[*In margin*] A low Mass as long as the Superiour will.

2 My Lady Eugenia Thorold 3d Abbess and died here at Poyntoys on the 21 of December 1667 [*In margin*] A low Mass for some time at the Superiours will.

3 Mr Jhon Digby, a holy priest; brother to the then Earle of Bristow; a true friend & Benefactor to this Community, died the 15 of March 1663.

4 Reverend Father William Wigmore of the Society of Jesus, a true friend director & Benefactor to this Community, died on the [...] 166[...].

5 my Lord Carrington a great friend & Benefactor to the houses. Was assassinated by his own servant here in this towne the 4th of March 1665.

6 Mr Walshinghame, priest, a great friend & assistant to this Community in their first settling here at Poyntoys. He died in England on the 9th October 1663.

[*Three leaves have been cut out of the book here. M.J.R.*]

Alms given us from the King and Crown of France beginning from the first year my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogn was made Grand Allmonier of all France;

1673	liuers
11 Aprill Wee were registred in the book of Almes and then receaued	300 0 0
The same yeare to pray for good success for the wars we had	150 0 0

1674	
July Wee were payed from the Royall Treasury the summe of	300 0 0

1675	
June Wee receaued from the Royall Treasury we receaued	150 0 0

1676	
June from the Royall treasury ther was receaued the summe	300 00

1678	
July This yeare inuoluing last yeares ommission ther was receaued the summe of	
500 0 0	

1679	
May This yeare my lord Cardinall de Bulliogn promised to endeauour to procure the settlement of	
1,000 liuers more; out of the Treasury Royall, and we receaued	1,300 0 0

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His eminence also this yeare bestowed uppon vs out of his owne purs the summe of 1,100 0 0	
Tow French gentlement at the court sent vs also much about the same time the summe of	0,275 0 0

1680	
March By Cardinall de Bulliogn to pray for the happy success of the Dolphin with his lady	4,000 0 0
Octob By Cardinall Bonzy from the Assembly which my lady Hambleton promoted	1,000 0 0
By Monsieur Angere priest belonging to Monsieur Colbert minister of state at diuers times payd in all	2,150 0 0
The dutchess of Lonerbrook sent the Community	120 0 0
From the Chancellor Monsieur Tilly receaued	0,100 0 0
pere Bourdeloo gaue Dame Aloisia for the Community	0,110 0 0
By Monsieur Courtyne was giuen vs	0,110 00
By seuerall others was giuen litle summes	256 0 0
By pere portans, Monsieur Despond & French ladyes	0,400 0 0
By my lady Hambleton was giuen vs	0,260 0 0

1681	
May sent by the Cardinall De Bulliogne in part of the 4,000 liuers; he promised to procure as long as might be in his powre for vs	2,000 0 0
out of this 4,000 liuers Mrs Stanning and her litle daughter was nominated to haue 800 liuers pension, and when Mrs Stanners went to Bruges I engaged that as long as it was constantly payd to vs she shold haue 400 liuers yearly payd to her; and when she went from vs had 200 liuers payd her of it:	

September From the Royall Treasury we receaued	1,000 0 0
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1682	
January 8 my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne sent us the remaynder of what was du of the 4,000 liuers for the last yeare by Monsieur Ferrett	200 0 0
more by him	550 0 0
by Monsieur l'Abbee Bertet	250 0 0

we gaue an acquittance uppon receauing thes summes for the whole 4,000 liuers for the last  
yeare 1681

Aprill 19 sent by Monsieur Ferret from my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne part of the 4,000 liuers for  
this yeare 1,100 0 0

also at the same time an order to draw a procuration for what we are to haue this yeare from  
the treasure Royall 900 0 0

This 900 liu. was soon after receaued by Reverend father Clare;

Nouember 14 my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne sent us by Monsieur Ferret 2,000 0 0

and told me now this 4,000 liuers was stated yearly; we were to know that the other 1,000 liu.  
with the 300 liuers out of the comon Almes was no more to be payd

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vs: this summe of 2,000<sup>l</sup> compleated for this yeare  
the full almes of the 4,000 liuers.

1683

The whole 4,000 liuers was all compleatly payd by my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne 4,000  
and Mrs Standhurst had her whole year's pension payd her out of it.

1684

receaued by Reverend father Clare from Monsieur Ferret towards payment of the 4,000 liuers  
1,0000

receaued by Reverend father Clare from the Royall Treasury 300 0

more payd by Monsieur Ferret to Reverend father Clare 1,500 0

at the end of the yeare the remaying part of the 4,000 liu. was payd in 1,200 0

and Mrs Standhurst was ordered out of it the 400 liuers allotted to her.

1685

May 25 Receaued by Monsieur Ferret the Grand prieure

at St Martins, by my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne his order from the Royall Treasury the summe of  
300 0

28 Receaued also by him from my Lord Cardinall of the Royal Almes 1,000 0

June 27 receaued agayne from his emminence by his gentleman out of the Royall Almes

1,000 0

more on the same account

0,100 0

His Emminence my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogn beeing a litle after this exiled from vs; we  
receaued noe more of any court almes this whole yeare;

1686

June reaued from the Royall Treasury

0,300

1687

January my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne for a kyndness to the Community sent them of a token  
1,000

Aprill from the Royall Treasury the vsuall Allmes of 300 0

Anno Domini 1677 By Dame Charlott Selbee at her clothing she gaue to the Church a payr of  
siluer Candellsticks that cost 300 liuers.

1678 By my Lady Titchbore giuen a flowred satteen suit of church stuffe; and all things compleat  
to itt; ritchly made vp with gold and siluer lace.

1679 By her Highness the Royall princess Louisia wine, poultry, and corn some 30 steeres.

1680 Her Royall Highness sent vs seuerall things with a [...] of wyne.

In the same year the Carmelits twyse Cornne and the Urslians ons cornn.

1682 Dame Aloisia Eliott and Dame Magdilen Warren: they gaue a siluer crozier to our holy  
fathers image in the Quire; it cost [...]



Gifts from the beginning

By the Dutchess of Lorayn:

A siluer Crozier wreathed with plated gold  
with tow Saphir Rings and on of an other sort;

By Reverend father Williamme Wigmore of the Society of Jesus:

A siluere challiss with a picture in a guilt frame;

By Mr Jhonne Digby, priest:

A Ciborium of Siluer Guilt; A siluer lampe  
an incensore; and a payre of Croetts;

By Reverend father Thimblebee of the Society of Jesus:

Seuerall pictures in Guilt frames, on in a black frame.

A paynted Antependame on leather.

By my Lord Carringtonn:

besids the many before specified, he gaue for the Church a suit of French siluer candlesticks for  
the Aulter.

By Reverend father Saluin, a Benedictin Munk;

A bed with all furniture to it, chayres and stooles, with a handsome Cabinet that was Sir Lewis  
Diues.

By my Lord Abbot Montagu.

besids other gifts mentioned in other proper places his lordship gaue us a siluer Cross for the  
Church.

1679 By her Grace the Dutchess of Cleueland a fayre siluer lampe for a new years gift to the  
Community.

1680 Her grace also gaue us a litle siluer and gilt ciborium that was Queene Mothers of  
England: with a fayre guilt challise and large pattent.

Also at the same time she sent vs 7 Albes with a great deale of other Church Linnen that was  
Queene Mothers.

Sent by her Royall Highness princess Louisa

12 Steere of wheatte;

My lady Rosse, sent vs alsoe halfe a mug of wyne.

My lady Duchess of Cleueland also gaue us a greate cloake. Her Grace also gaue me a Siluer  
chaffing dish.

Dame Aloysia and Dame Mag. Warren gaue our holy fathers image, a Siluer crozier:

Sister Maria and Sister Martha Hardwick,

a siluer candlestick to set with a candle to burn before the Blessed Sacrament; which cost 40  
liuers

1682 Sister Penelope Henedge gaue at her clothing an other payre of Siluer candlesticks that  
cost 378

1684 Dame Stanisla Culcheth and Francisca her sister gaue a Siluer candlestick to match with  
that which the tow sister hard wicks gaue to ad lights to burn before the Blessed Sacrament:  
that candlestick cost [...]

This yeare at her profession Dame Henedge for the seruice of the Community built the  
passage to the refectory which cost [...]

She also then gaue the pulpit in the refectory and allotted for the repaying of the walls for  
wanscotting and hanging the church [...]

1686 June 29 giuen by Sister Justina Greene at her clothing a fayr payre of siluer candlesticks that cost	507 liuers	
1652 I finde in the Booke marked with B F: thes and more gifts; first from my lady Mary Knatchbull, to the howse; at seuerall times	3,420 0	
sent in tokens to seuerall of the Religious	080 0	
By Mr Conniers our Confessor ons more then	916 0	
in tokens and legacys from seuerall not passing some 60 liuers a person	1492 0	
for Queene Mother and Madame a legacy	300 0	
for my lady Guldford	200 0	
from Sir George Southcott	300 0	
Mr Walshinghame	300 0	
Mr Hamerton	310 0	
Mrs gaue 232 a namless frend 120 makes	352 0	
Madame de Floa to Sister Benedict Swift	1,000 0	
from Mr Nicholas Timperly a legacy	600 0	
Mr Church a legacy the sume of	440 0	
my lord of Castle mayn gaue the howse	480 0	
Mr Hard wick a legacy 294 Mr Wait on 100	394 0	
Mrs Redall 240 Dame Titchborn 200	440 0	
Baron de vick 200 his brother 80	280 0	
tow Mr Carrills 490 tow Mr farmers 252	742 0	
my lady Goring, Sir Thomas Gage, Mr Roper & the auntient Mrs plowden seuerall sums	530 0	
my lady Drum; Mrs Drum plowden & Trina	100 0	
lady powes 500 lord Cardigan 700	462 0	
Mrs Elliot 230 Mr Tunstall 390	1,200 0	
Mr Willescot 360 Mrs Blunt 600	620 0	
Mrs Smith 660 lady Hambleton 110	both 960 0	
from Reverend father Clare giuen in the hows	770 0	
from princes Louys at seuerall times	183 0	
by my Lady Duchess of Cleueland	512 0	
sent me by seuerall at my Jubily	540 0	
more to me	654 15	
by monsieur St Pri for seuerall years for masses	700	
seuerall other lesser legacys to be added	480 0	
out of seuerall legacys of 100 or more liu.	364 0	
The Mr Vaughans to Dame Clare some	2,524 0	
Mr Danioll Arthur seuerall times	560 0	
By very Reverend father Warner at seuerall times	285 0	
from Mrs Walmesly and her sonne	870 0	
	521 0	

Perhaps ther may be some difference in the calculation heere set down from that other book, becaus to abreuiat the account I haue joignd summes to gether. But this I dare affirme with a safe conscience that ther is no such difference, but what is iust: and that many things haue binn omitted to be noted that wold haue raysed the summe much higher shold eury litle charrity haue binn added.

1685 January From the yeare 1652 to this present yeare		
A token from princes Louisia	110 0	
Giuen me by Sir Rowland Bellasis		55 0
with seuerall litle summes sent me out of England;		600
and what Mrs Walmesly gaue and for her sonn for Lent prouisions is counted in the beginning of this leafe.		
1685 Aprill A token to the Community from Mrs Susan Warner when she entred to be Religious, which was not less a concurring kyndness from her worthy father Reverend Father Clare; and the consent and good will of his other daughter Dame Agnes Warner		428 12
from Mr Methame at tow payments		180 0
from tow or 3 frends smale tokens		380
16; October 20 from a namless frend an almes sent us (and proued to be the glorious King) to desire our prayrs		2,000 0
Mr Metham sent in gold		55
giuen by Mr Walmesly for an anniuersary mass & prayrs		220
A legacy from Mr Stanelly sent vs		600
A legacy giuen by Mr Culcheth to his tow Daughters 20 pound of which they gaue the Community for prayrs	100 0	
my lady Gage at her death		120 0
from the tow Mrs plowdens		320
Mrs Walmeslys supplying a rent of		181 0
agayn from Mr Methame		600
a token sent me by my Lord Cardigan	600	
and from an other frend		700
	1686	
feb receaud from my Lord of Castle Mayn then imbassador from the King of England James the 2d; to his Holines the pope; for masses and prayrs, giuen of it for masses 10 liuers		55 0
receaud a years rent of Sir Thomas Preston his mony	795 0	
from Reverend Father Warner	30 0	
agayn from him		300
from Mrs Methame and agayne		300
and from Mr metham		300
giuen an almes by tow frends of		280 0
a token from my Lady Peeters	260 0	
Mrs Walmesly hath giuen us for this last yeare the rent of Dame Culcheths 300 pound		181 0
May 8 Mrs Walmesly for the aniuersary of her husband to pray for him sent us		30
1686 July 26 my lady Walgraue the widdow sent vs		55 0
sent me by her Royall Highnes princess Louysia		110 0
giuen me by Mr Methame for ours that went to lpers for theyr iourny		300
By Mrs Walmesly for the same occation		15 0
By Mr Arthur I know not the summe but since was informed it was	120	
By Mrs Treuanian for tuesday nights		110
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By my Lady Walgraue		220

A legacy from my Cossen Standly for her Brothers soule 1687	600 liuers
January A token of kindnis from his Eminence my Lord Cardinall de Bulliogne to the Community of from Mrs Walmesly a new years gift of	1,000 0 100 0
from Mr Daniell Arthur	100 0
from Mr Methame	100 0
from Reuerend Father Warner	600
Aprill at Easter agayn by Mrs Walmesly for the hows for the infirmary	100 0 500
for 4 or 5 perticuler persons	500
By Monsieur St Denis for masses	440
Aprill & May order was giuen for the payment of the 100 pound sterling the legacy the widdow my Cossen Blunt left vs: it was now payd and amounted to in French money	1,292 5
from Mrs Hyde to me, 23 10 sous to the Community 34 liu 10 sous in all	580
July 26 from Father Greuill 13 liu. Father Lucan 13 both.	260
Mrs Lawson to me gaue 5710	
Mr Walmesly to pray for his mother	161 0
Decem when Monsieur St Denis for masses gaue me	450

#### Customs and obligations to be kept in practis;

1 It is the office of the chantress (as it is declared in the statutes the 2d part, II, chapter and 2d paragraph) to set up in publick what obligations are to be discharged by the Religious, the following weeke, both for the liuing and the deade; and for this respect she is to haue in her keeping that book in which thos obligations are contaynd and to take care to see them set up in du time and manner:

uppon what reason we obserue some perticuler feasts not as they are ordered in the comon Calendar.

#### 2 Saint Ignatius Loyla

Founder of the Society of Jesus;

Tis serude a prima Class (keeping his feast holy day as we do other votieue prima Classes.

The Lady Abbesse officiates; and wee obserue the Eue Fast; as a strict regular Fast according to our Holy Rule. That is soe as to be dispenst with all by the Abbesse according to iust reasons & occations, yet soe as that flesh be not eaten that day in the reffectory, but in the infirmary;

3 This deuotion and practis was begun at Gaunt, when my Lady Eugenia Pulton was Abbesse, about the yeare 1630 then by an act in chapter the Community determind to take him for the patron of theyr church, to which all thos former specifyed dutyes belongs, of fasting the Eue keeping it a, prima class, and votieue holy day and to inuocate his name in the Leteneys next to that of our

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holy father St Benedict; and make a comemoration of him at Laudes and vespers, as the Roman Breuiary appoynts, for such a Church patron. His picture also uppon the high Aulter, ioyn'd with that of our holy father bears that euidence.

4 This practis and deuotion beeing established at Gaunt by the Chapter & free votes of the Religious; & that thos of the Community, that were sent frorn Gaunt to beginn this

monastery introduced here from the beginning this way of devotion, and universal practice and all the Superiours since, hath endeavored zealously to maintain, and to which the generality of the Community hath all unanimously consented and approved by their own devotion and observance of it.

5 Some that do not rightly understand the fore specified reasons, and way of proceedings in this affair as being but lately entered the house, may perhaps ask and demand why such customs are kept afoot; and it may be, new comers out of the world may not perhaps so rightly relish such devotions till they have been more accustomed to the practice. Yet there ought to be no change or concession to their weakness, or any thought of alteration upon any such objection or murmur against it; for now there can be no alteration made, unless by a publick act and universal votes it should be dissolved upon good motives and reasons; to dissolve it by the same power of a general chapter by which it was at first established. For if it should be otherwise every age in Religion, or degree of Religious that came into power or authority would turn and toss all things into a new posture according to every little difficulty or fancy, and so there would be no settlement in the monastery, or any respect to what our Ancestors and predecessors had done.

6 The ordinances of Bishops visitors and of the Abbess may be changed by their successors, as seems good to them; but for acts of chapter they are not to be dissolved, but by the same power they were established; which is that of the Abbess and Community legally and unanimously united together.

Customs of Devotion from the beginning constantly observed.

1 In the settlement at Bullogne, finding that holy Bishops so opposed to their establishing there, which was an unexpected Cross, though his refusing of them was neither want of esteem or kindness for them, but for want of a foundation; and no humane help then appearing by which they could hope for relief, they applied themselves the more earnestly to prayer, making their recourse to heaven by a general publick devotion and promise made to St Joseph and St Anne with St Joachim that by their intercession & the mediation of our Blessed Lady to Almighty God that He out of his mercy & goodness would provide for them, and settle their affairs; resolving in the first place to apply themselves to his divine Service with true zeal of his greater honor & Glory, and study of perfection

2 Some months after this following Devotion was made and established in the Community, Sir Richard Forster gave very Reverend father Barton for them selves 3,000 pistoles which was the first money, they received towards a foundation, as a clear evidence of the

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power Our Blessed Lady, & those particular Saints had with Almighty God, and promising assurance of their assisting favour to us, in the and all other our concerns.

3 so that after the 3 Adorable persons of the Blessed Trinity – Father, Sonne & Holy Ghost, we can not but conceive, that St Joseph, St Joachim & St Anne, were most acting and concurring to our Settlement & beginning of a foundation; and accordingly in all our concerns we ought to make our recourse to them, and next after Almighty God & his holy providence to esteem them as our first founders, and answerably with confidence call upon them, and with joy and devotion pay them our promised duties:

4 This ensuing act was made the first year of their arrival at Bullogne, & we have reason to believe it gave a great advance towards that foundation of 3,000 pistoles, which Sir Richard Forster gave the next following to Reverend father Barton for them, in the year 1655.

At first he gaue only 2,000 pistolls, with 1000 more afterwards to setle them at Bullogne. This deuotion is reade on the eues of the Blessed saints to the whole Community, who ar very zealous in the practis & obseruance of it.

Customes of Deuotion and Obligations.

An Act made by the Religious Chosen for the beginners of this Conuent

Anno Domini 1652 This 26 Day of July

And by the present Act: we declare it to be

Inuiolably obserued

by all our Lawfulle Successores

To glorious saynt Joseph

As to the spows, of the Immaculate Queene of heauen whos deuoted children wee desire euer to be; in all purity & zealous obseruance of Religious discipline.

Wee vnderwritten make Choyce of St Joseph for our perticular patronn & procurator: both in the spirituell & Temporell affayres of the Community that by his intercession, wee may exalt the glory of the Imaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady: making vnto her our recourse, vnder this title as vnto our deerest mother & protectris.

Promissing yearly to celebrate & solemnize his festiuity holy day, singing of mass & going to holy Communion, which each of vs will endeauour to see performde, the best we can.

Wee also this same day make choyce of St Anne for our perticular patronness, & mediatrice with our Deere Sauour & his Blessed Mother; to obtayne of them for vs a du compliance with our Holy State, & dayly increas of deuotion, to her Blessed chyld the euer Sacred Virgin Mary Prommissing for euer to honor yearly her festiuity by singing of Mass & Holy Communion. Made and sighed by Catherin Wigmore, Abbesse.

In the act at theyr first making of it my Lady Catherin Wigmore then Superiour, and who first aduatincd this deuotion; to take of all

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scruple & apprehension of tye & obligation; to it declarde in the first copy, in her owne hand. That though all ought to comply with thes promisses most exactly: that they noe ways bynd vnder sinn.

Anno Domini 1668. The Reliecks and authenticks procured by worthy Mrs Poyns from Rome at the instance of good Dame Gertrude Turner to whom she sent them were heere receaud & authorized by the Vice gerent and approued by Mouns Longtoys to be exposed & serude as follows:

Sancti Felicissimy: martiry Duplex Nov. 24.

Sancti Aurelij: mart. Duplex. July 27.

Sancti Porphirij: mart. Duplex. Februa. 26.

Sancti Honoratij: mar. Duplex

This yeare my lord Abbott gaue vs his approbation to serue thos English saynts, and others of our holy order as we did at Gaunt.

And in perticular to serue St Edward, King & Confessor Duplex. a on the 13 of October.

And St Allbanes protomartyr of England. Dup. on the [...]

And great St Gertrude a Duplex according to the Office of the reformde monks of our holy order which they haue for this feast on the 17th of Nouember.

Anno Domini 1668. Barron D'Albee Seruing of Reliques.

Gaue us a Box of Reliques giuen him at Rome which Mounsieur Dr Hamell beeing the Grand Vicare of pontois gaue us his approbation to serue as they are heere declarde:

Sancti Bonefacij martir Duplex Septemb. 1.  
S. Felicissimij martir Duplex sep. 2d.  
Sancti Faustij martiri Duplex sep. 3d.  
Sancti fulgentij mar. Duplex sep. 4th.  
Sancti Bonij mar. Duplex sep. 5th.  
Sancti Audoctij mar. Duplex sep. 6th.

Anno Domini 1671 Aprill 17. The litle Aulter in the grate by the Lady Abbesses chamber was blest by mounsieur Dr Hamell, then Grand Vicare at Pontoys with permission to haue mass sayd ther in iust occations of infirmity or other requisit reasons.

At the same time the Arme of St Adrian which my lord Abbott Montagu took out of Queene mothere of Englands Closset after her death, and gaue us was now also approued to us, by mounsieur Dr Harnell then Grand Vicare with approbation to expose it and serue his feast a Duplex, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of septembre.

#### Seruing of Reliques

Anno Domini 1671 Aprill 17. The box also sent vs formerly by Mr Conn, was at this time oppened and approued to us by Mounsieur Grand Vicare and permission giuen vs to serue thos Saynts. Six in number, according to the days as then appoynted. which were:

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Saynt Faustinij marti Semiduplex Febru 15.  
Saynt Nazarij marti Semiduplex Febru 18.  
Saynt Gordianij marti Semiduplex March 10.  
Saynt Theodorij martir Semiduplex Febru 20.  
Saynt victorij martir Semiduple Febru 21.  
Saynt Protheij mart. Semidu Feb. 6 th.

#### The Rosary pardon Confirmd to vs from Rome

Anno Domini 1676. by the earnest request of our Community to haue the Rosary deuotion and pardon legally and Cannonically established to vs. I made my recourse to my lord Cardinall Norfolk Howard and his eminency most obligingly procured for us a priuiledgde graunt, from the generall of that Order of the fryar preachers to haue a chappel or Aulter of the Rosary with all the indulgeness priuiledgdes and pardons annexd to it: and permission that the Ghostly father in ordinary to the monastery might be empowred to admitt into this Confreternity not only all the Religious of this Community, but also all such as shold dwell with in the inclosure; giuing him the authority also to bless the beads, candles, and exerceyse all other functions and other propertyes belonging to this Indulgence.

This graunt was sighnd and seald at Rome by the generall of the fryar preachers of the holy order of St Dominick uppon the 28 of July 1676.

As soone as permission could be procured, for a Jacobin fryar, to come down to Pontoys, which was some what difficult, or dependance not being upon the Bishop of Paris, but on the Arch Bishope of Roane, yet at last Mr Conn brought downe an auntient graue Dominican father that had binn latly prouinciall, and beeing on of the conditions of the Generall to vs, to haue the priuilerdge of the pardon, and our admission first into the Confreternity to be by a fryar of the order, who was to make vs an exhortation and admit vs with all due ceritmony.

The same day he tooke the names of all the Community who desired to be inrolle in the perpetuall Rosary, and sent vs downe the papers of our admission into that Confraternity:

June 1, 1686. The grant and assurance was then gillen vs this yeare of a gift from Sir Thomas Preston of 15,900 liuers.

In gratitude for the great charity by an act of chapter it was concluded, he shold be registred in the booke of benefactors, and liuing and dying shold be made pertaker of all thos aduauntages wee can afford them;

Beseeching Allmighty God that his Life, may be long and happy; promising that when wee shale heere of his death;

The whole office of the dead shold be said in publicke for his soule; and the day following his solemn funerall mass shold be sung and on the 30 day another mass sung And five other Masses by order from the Lady Abbesse shold be sayd for him;

And euery on of the Religious shold say 3 payre of beads, heere 3 masses and offer vp 3 communions for him; besids this for hereafter

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ther is many masses beads communions that haue binn, and are yeerly offered for him. Requiescat in pace.

And when the mony was paid in the yeare 1686 in May all the Community was then ordayned to heare masse: communicate and say theyr beads for him: and also for my lord Carrington who payd it to vs; to whom also was giuen many other prairs.

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1682 Aprill This yeare Mr George Slaughter and his wife Mrs Bridgit Fielding, made a will inuoluing seuerall charityes assignnd at theyr death to seuerall persons, as is ther specified; this will they left in the Abbesses hands with the security of thos persons in whos hands the mony was then put out with all the conditions requisit for theyrs and the Comunityes satisfaction.

In return of the Comunitys thankfull acknowlegment for the intended charity this ensuing act was made in Chapter. [In margin} inserted in L. Abbess D'abridgecourts writing:

Mr Slaughter dy'd the [...] of [...] Mrs Slaughter after his death.

L. Edward Gage dy'd the 3 oct 1704.

In nomini Domini nostri Jesu Christi

Amen

In case nothing interuen to hinder this Communitys inioying the 6,000 liuers, assignnd them by Mr George Slaughter and his wife Mrs Bridgit Fielding, the Abbess and Community in gratitude returns them theyr humble thanks with theyr good wishes and prayers for theyr happy long life and prosperity, rancking them now in the number of our cheefe Benefactors, and accordingly making them pertakers of what is du, and don, for such personnes; declaring them participants of the good works, merits & prayers of the Religious both liuing & dead.

Ordaying now that each on of the Religious, shale heere mass and comuncate, and say theyr beads, once for Mr Slaughter & once for his wife.

And that when ether of them leaues this life, care be taken that after the whole office of the dead a solemn mass be sung for each of them when they dy, and also a sung Mass for each of them on the 3d, 7th and 30th day with what other deuotions the Abbess and community shale then pleas to add;



and signd by

Anne Neuille abbess vnrworthy.  
Margaret Marckham, pryress.  
Mary Joseph Butler, Consul.  
Ana Maria Talbot.  
Helen Hamerton.  
Angela Redall .

[In margin] made the 3rd of May 1682.

Ther is no duty belonging to my charge, that I more willingly undergo, then the recording the memory of our deere dead Religious. This I imbrace with much affection and zeale, for that by this occasion, I pay them my respect and gratitude, and confound myselfe to see the litle care I take to immitate theyr vertues; yet I am encouraged

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to hope a larg participation by theyr powrfull intercession before Almighty God. With a good aduance in vertu by thos of the Community that shale succede both them and us, by the emulation they may haue to imitate theyr vertues, and embrace thos good examples they haue left us, and from which they haue scene me swarve so much, as I confide, in meere pity and charity, they will pray that more hartily for me when I am cald out of this miserable life, to yeald an account of my actions, when I must not only answer for my own sinnes, but also render a seuere reconing for others of my charge for hauing payd my duty so ill both to God and Religion, giuing the Community such ill example. But as my hopes is in the merits of my Sauour, and the mercys of God, so I have no litle comfort that by the smale seruice I render them in this perticuler it may appeare to posterity that I have a tru desire to pertake of theyr meritorious workes and dayly deuotions, which I humbly begg, they will not fayle to afforde;

Theyre faithfull humble seruant;

Anne Neuille D'Aburgueueny,  
Abbesse vnrworthy.

At our monastery of Pontoys  
the 22 of October Anno Domini 1678.

A Catalogue of all thos that have binn profest in this Community or binn translated to it to be made members of itt. Theyr names age, with the dayes of theyr clothing and profession with the day of theyr death. And from what famillyes they were decended, with anything hapning extraordinary in theyr life, or at theyr death.

1 My Lady Catharin Wigmore first Abbess at Bullogne was daughter to William Wigmore Esquire of Lucton, in Hereford sheere; and by the Wigmore she is decended by the Cornwalls, from an allyance, with King Jhonn, and also from the Earles of Pembroke, Worcestorre, and Herberts and other Noble families in Wales .

2 Her Mother was Mrs Anne Throgmorton Daughter to Sir Jhone Throgmorton by whom they are of kinn to the Earle of Cardigan, the Lord Monteagle, Morly, the Lord Vaux and divers others auntient families, both of Gentry and Nobillity in England; and thus it appears she was on both sides Nobly decended, and from a family prosperous & numerous.

3 It is sayd that her great Grandmother, who was daughter to Vaux, of the Lord Vaux his ancestors, that ther did accompany her funerall, elleuen scoare linally decended from her.

4 My Lady Catherine Wigmore receaude the holy habit of Religion in the monastery of our holy order and Congregation at Gaunt; And she was also profest in the same monastery at 36 years of age uppon the 2d of July in that yeare of our Lord 1628 under the gouernment, and time of prelature of the lady Lucy Knatchbull first Abbesse of that Monastery .

5 She receaude her obbedience under the Gouernment and in the time of Prelature of the lady Mary Knatchbull, neece to the aboue named, lady Lucy and was then the 4th Abbesse of Gaunt monastery, when she sent my lady Catharin Wigmore to Bullogne, ther to begin a new monastery, in the yeare 1652 on the 6th of January.

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My Lady Catherin Wigmore was at Bullogne ellected Abbesse the 18 of August 1653 and she was blest in the same yeare on the 18 of October. And rendred her pyous soule to her Creator the 28<sup>th</sup> of October the yeare of our Lord 1656.

In the yeare 1671 on the 12 of June her bonnes were brought priuatly in a box by Mr Reddall priest then our chaplin and on the 10th of July the same yeare were buryed in the same graue in or Church with my lady Christina Forster our 2nd Abbesse.

The circular bill made at her death, and sent to the monasteryes of our Congregation In the yeare of or lord 1656 on the 28 of October, dyed in this our monastery at Bullogne, in Picardy, of the holy order of St Benedict, dedicated to the all Immaculate Conception of the euer Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, the most eminently vertuous, the Right Reverend and Honorable Lady, the lady Catherin Wigmore.

In the mission from Gaunt, she was sent hither superiour, and by the generall votes of the Religious, chosen first Abbesse. Her humillity in her prelature was very remarkable, so was her afiability and sweetness, together with the contempt of her selfe, and tru loue to holy pouerty, & abiectiō. Her obedience to all Superiours was very admirable and to her Ghostly fathers, so was her patience in affliction, and in her last sickness. The loue of God incessantly inflamde her hart with ardent zeale & deuotion, as appeared by her actions, & feruour in the obseruance of Regularity, and in all the austerities of Religious disciplin, charity, prayre & recollection, retayning her first feruour to the last moment of her life.

In a word, she liude so perfect in Religion, as all affirms that knew her they neuer saw her dilliberatly break a rule. She taught others by her silent example and obtaynde more of Almighty God, by prayre & recollection then others by many labours and endeauours.

Thes and many other endowments of vertu and grace, giues us caus to hope that her most pure soule mounted aboue the purging flames and ascended dirrectly upe to heauen; but becaus the judgments of God are secret, least anythin shold remayn to detain her in purgatory, wee request your holy sacrifices & prayers.

She dyed at Bullogne in the 67 yeare of her age, the 31 of her profession and the 4<sup>th</sup> of her prelature; requiescat in pace.

Her epitaph made by the very Reverend Father, Father Estiennot, Subprieur of St Martins Benedictin of the reforme of St Maurre.

All you that pass, see, heere & know,  
How well she acted heere belowe

She was born & bredd a Catholick. She not only forsook her frends and country, but deserted her selfe by making her holy vowes and becoming Religious at Gaunt, was from thence sent to Bullogne she was made the first Abbesse. In that new plantation, & with a most inuinsible courage & zeale, she waded through thos many difficultyes occurring in that new foundation; she contemnd

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all vayne & transitory things, and thought them so much below her as euen not to be solicitous for what might be necessary; her whole thoughts beeing taken up & employed upon God aloan, & the charge of soules, which for his laue she had vndertaken, becomming therfore to her tender flock a most exact & liuely pattern of all vertu. Her businis & cheefe care was not so much to Rule as to assist to keepe the Rule; and what ioy, content & satisfaction did she take in the increas & aduance she found therin.

Consider

O all you that pass by her Tombe: In fine, wayting her end, she chaungde this life for a happy death; on the 28 of October 1656 the 67 yeare of her age, and fourth of her prelature. O you that pass by this graue be carefull of your ways in this vale of tears and call to mind how hitherto you haue behaude your selfe and past the years of your life.

My Lady Anna Christina Forster, The second Abbesse at Bullogne and translated hither to Pontoys.

1 This lady was also profest at Gaunt Monastery of the English Benedictine Dames. Her father was Sir Richard Forster Knight Barronet Baron of Stockly, and many other mannors, and fayre Tennemants in the North part of England. He was Cheefe Treasurer to Queene Mother of England, wife to King Charles the first of Great Brittanny.

2 Her mother was on Mrs Anne Midleton of a very illustrious and pyous family.

3 She was clothed uppon the 29 of December, beeing the feast of St Thomas of Canterberry in the yeare 1640 in the beginning of the ciuill warrs in England in the Rayne of King Charles the first.

4 And she was profest on the 13 of January 1641 at the age of 24 my lady Mary Roper beeing Abbesse.

5 She was sent by obedience for the beginning of our monastery at Bullogne in the yeare of our lord 1652 my lady Mary Knatchbull beeing then Abbesse at Gaunt.

6 Ther after the death of my lady Catherin Wigmore she was ellected 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbesse of that monastery on the 11 of November 1656. Her Benediction was uppon Trinity Sunday the 27 of May 1657.

7 The incumber of warr lying then uppon that part of the Country & the Towne itselpe in disturbance, with the litle health they inioyed ther made her seeke a remoue. They left Bullogne in May 1658 and entred Pontoys the same yeare & month on the 15 of May.

8 She dyed on the 16 of December 1661 at Paris whither she was remoued for her health. She was buried in the church of the Religious woemen fullintiens.

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9 She was brought down from thence in her Coffin of leade in this yeare 1671 and buried in our church on the 10th of July; requiescat in pace.

My lady Christina profest in her time of prelature

Dames for this Quire 12

Conuers Sisters 2.

The Circular bill made at her Death, and sent to all this monasteryes of our Congregation. In this year of our Lord 1661, 16 of December ther dyed in our Lord strenthned with the sacrements of holy Church, the most ilusterous and Reuerend Lady, the Lady Anna Christina Forster, Abbiss and foundress of the monastery of English nuns vnder the titell of gracia Dei, and of the imaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary of this venerable Order of St Benedict

att Pontois in this 44 year of her age and 20 of her proffession and 5 of her prelature. Her life was an admirable miror of all vertu being adorned by Almighty god with the most excellent gifts both of nature and grace. Ther shined in her a singuler prudence, and ardent zeall of the deuine glory & vnwared study of perfection with an jncomparable sweetness of behaiour joynd with a perfect humility, a Constant & Compleat patience. Ther was nothing wanting of the ornament of all vertues to Render her gratfull to Almighty god & belou'd by her subiects so as it is Lawfull for vs to hope that her hapy soule being Exempt and freed from the Chaines of this mortality shee allredy jnjoys the Reward of her Labors in the Land of the Living, but because the judgments of Almighty god are secret that the duties of Charity be not wanting to her by our negligences wee earnestly Request all faithfull Christians that shall Reed this Righting to assist her with the holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other pyous prayers and exercyses.

Requiescat in pace.

Her Epitaph made by Reverend father Subprior of St Martin.

Stay reade and make aduauntage. Ioyne your tears with ours  
She is deade O Trauallore consider  
The Lady Anne Christina Forster, descended from a Noble English extraction  
That she might adde to this Glory of her ancestors  
By surpassing them in vertu, & her own years in wisdom  
She resolved to adhere to God Aloane;  
She made her vowes in the monstery att Gaunt 1641.  
And ther by vertu of that her holy profession  
She relinquisht both her friends and country;  
And what by birth she might haue challenged as her du;  
She was sent by obedience to Bullogne 1652  
Where she not only profest, but promoted the Rule of St Benedict.  
And ther by establishing that Community, though attended by very sharpe encounters, she  
proued no less successfull then instrumentall.  
For the illustrious knight her Father, Sir Richard Forster  
releaued theyr distresses & supplied theyr wants.

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For he gaue them the first foundation to that monastery of which soone after she was ellected Abbesse, and that conuent translated to Pontoys, where she gouernde with wisdom and authority, in the spirit of humillity. She approued innocent mirth & alacrity & she exceld in pyety and espetiall deuotion, to the euer Blessed & Adorable Trinity.

She loude retyrment, giuing good example to her flock; And bequeathed her selfe wholly to God.

Now then ioyne your teares with ours, O passenger, for she is deade.

My Lady Eugenia Thorold 3<sup>rd</sup> Abbess of this monastery

1 She was daughter to Mr Edmund Thorold of Hough in Lincolne sheere neere Grantum. Her mother was Mrs Anne Thorold the sister to Mr Robert Thorold of Heath, and of allyance in bloode to her husband.

2 She undertooke a Religions course of life in the monastery of Benedictine Dames at Gaunt; and made ther her solemne profession and vowes uppon the 27 December, in the yeare of our lord 1639 at 16 years of age.

3 In sending out the foundation of Bullogne monastery she was on[e] that receaued her obedience for that mission, in the yeare of our lord 1652 on the 9th of January.

4 And with the rest was translated from Bullogne to Pontoys in the yeare 1658.

5 Heere after the death of my Lady Christina Forster, she was ellected Abbesse on the 24 of December, in the yeare 1661.

6 She was blest at Paris in the same church of the Religious woemen fullentius where my lady Christina was buried; her benediction day was on the 7th of March. 1662.

7 She dyed in the yeare 1667 on the 21 of December. Rquiescat in pace.

She profest in her time of prelature Dames 10 Conuers Sisters 6.

The Circular bille sent to the Congregation of our holy Order and constitutions;  
Anno Domini in the year of Of Lord 1667, 21 of December.

In the monastery of the English Dames of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict att Pontois, ther happily deceased, strengned by the rights of holy Church, the most illustrious Lady, the Lady Eugenia Thorold, Abbess of this monastery. She was on of the first number that Came from the monastery of Gaunt for the begining of Bollone & from thence translated to Pontois. She had the Comfort & Benefit of the jubily at her death. Towards thes aduantages she was ever Carryed with much zeale and deuotion; amongst the other vertues in which she exceld, she was eminent in silence, peace and an admirable

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suauity of behaiour which Rendred her gratefull to god. Angells and men. In her Last agony she recomended to her subiects (who attended her with sighes and tears) Charity and a true Religious spirit, of which she Left behind her many perticuler examples of those eminent vertues. She dyed in the 44 year of her age, 28 of her profession and 6 of her prelature;

She Liv'd in government humble both in spirit and Comportment, yett powrefull & efficatious in word and example: so as wee may probably hope that she is sweetly transported to a better Life. But Least we should appeare to be wanting in the office of charity we humbly begg for her happy rest your suffrages and prayers;

Requiescat in pace.

The Epitaph made of her by very Reverend father the Subpriour of Saynt Martins:

O Reddare

understand bee wise and remember the end;

In this Tombe, heere lyes interde, the Noble Lady Eugenia Thorold

who following the example of the auntient fathers;

In leauing all to follow christ; despising the honnors of this world;

she forsooke both frends and country; arriuing at Gaunt Monasterys

To the Spowse of virgins, she ther vowed her selfe;

and from thence she was sent to Bullogne by the sea side;

where assisting in that establishment

as she contributed much; soe she suffered more.

From Bullogne compeld by ware, she with the rest came to Pontoise; and ther ellected to succede the Honourable lady Christina Forster; she was so farr from beeing dismayed or daunted; at theyr indigent condition, that imitating or great master St Paule; she only studdyed how to gayn all to christe our heade; making manifest her integrity, and sanctity of life;

more by example then wordes; beeing carefull and vigilant,  
ouer the flock comitted to her charge; and joyfull in the encrease therof;  
Death will disceaue us;  
if we disceaue not death;

O Reader;

Ther is but on way into the world, but a thowsand to goe out of it;  
The first is slow; the 2<sup>nd</sup> as suddayn as uncertayn;  
Bee wise therefore;  
And liue so as you may dy ritche in knowledge and wisdome;  
and not in pennury and want of vertu; and tru pouerty of spirit;  
I say ons more,  
stand uppon your gaurd and remember the end;

Jesus Maria Benedict.

The Circular bill of the Right Honourable Lady  
the Lady Anne Neuile, Abbesse.

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In the yeare of our Lord 1689, the 15 of December, in our monastery at Pontoise, of the holy Order of St Benedict, dedicated to the most Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of god, her all immaculate Conception, depart'd this life strengthn'd by the Sacraments, the most eminent and most worthy Abbesse of the say'd monastery, the right Honourable Lady, the Lady Anne Neuile, daughter to the most Illustrious Lord Abergauyenye, first Baron of England, in the yeare of her age fourscore and 4, and of her profession in religion fiuety-seauen, the seaueneth of her Jubily, and of her prelature 22, hauing spent in our mother monastery of Gant where she was profes't, 33 years in the constant practice of all vertues, and obseruance of religious discipline. She came to Pontoise by her Superiours orders, where before a year was end'd she was rais'd by the unanimes Suffrages of all, to the gouernment of the monastery; which dignity, her humility, charity and motherly hart, was soe remarkable, that it extend'd to euery one in perticular, as if she had had no other or greater business then to comfort and assist those who address'd them selues to her in theyre necessityes, & this euen in the mids't & height of those many and heauy crosses, which god was pleas'd to fauour her with; hauing giuen her an inuinsible Courage, & vertue aboue the ordinary to suport them, not only patiently but with allacritye and cheerfulness. She was endow'd with a great and generous spirit, & all her actions were accompany'd with Justice, worth and affability which gaue that Luster to them as became the noblenes of her mind & birth. The loue of god incessently inflam'd her hart with zeale & deuotion, as appear'd in all her pyous practices, & she had soe familer a conuersation and strict union with allmighty god, that what she spoke in publicke of edification to her Community, she generally drew from the intertainements she had with him interiourly, but because the hidden Judgments of god are impenetrable, we humbly beg your charitable prayers, that her debt being remitted, if any remaine unpay'd, she may receaue speedily the recompence of her vertues.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Paula Knatchbull was sister to my lady Mary Knatchbull 4th Abbess of Gaunt monastery, and being both liuing, I will referr what may be iustly du to both theyr vertues, till it may be proper for a better penn to express them. All I will add now is: that this worthy Religious was sent with thos first planters at Bullogne, to assist in that new foundation; and did them great Seruice by her courage and zeale, not shrinking at thos mayn difficultyes that occurred in that first beggining. After theyr remoue hither to Pontoys she serude them with much allacrity

in all the most weighty employments of the Community, with great constancy and exactness in all the austerities of the Rule, till the yeare 1663 when she was fetcht from Pontoys by her worthy sister, my lady Mary Knatchbull, and carryed into England, to act ther for the affaires of Gaunt monastery, remaying ther some years to the edification of all; till she was recalled back

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to that monastery when the new stormes in England began. Ther I shall leaue her till some better occation may fall out to enlarge thes lines to her better aduantage heere after.

Dame Lucy Perkins was decended from a very goode family in North hampton sheere. Her mother was Mrs N. Isomme, a person of great courage and vertu, and beeing marryed into a protestant family, suffered much for her Religion. This daughter of hers Dame Lucy was of great bewty and good humoure, and sought in maryage by diuers persons of quallity, but she in the flower of her youth and bewty forsooke the world and espowde her selfe to Jesus Christ, and so became a happy and seruisable member of this Community, as is expreste in her Bille;

Requiescat in pace.

In the yeare of our Lord 1662 the 4th of Feb. in this our monastery of English Religious, of the holy order of St Benedict, of Grace Dieu at Pontoise, dedicated to the immaculate Conception of the euer Blessed virgin Mary mother of god, theyr happily departed this Life. Dame Lucy Perkins, strenthned with the holy sacrements, and most happily prepared for this last howre by a singular exemplar life; she was on of thos that came from Gaunt for the begining of this monastery; shewing much Zeale in the Quire and other dutys of Religion with great edification to all; she was aged 57 and profest 30. For the Rest of her Soule, we humbly begg your holy suffrages and prayrs;

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Margaret Markhame;

was daughter to George Markham esquier, of Olertonn in Notingham sheere, in the forrest of Sherwoode. Ther was an other hows called Quebec (Kirby), belonging to theyre family, which was substracted from them for beeing Roman Catholike; for which they vnderwent, vpon fals and vniust accusations, many heauy pennalties and banishment.

Her mother was Mrs Judith Witherwick Fitzwilliames, inheritrix of Claxbye, and Norminbee, and many other fayre Tennements.

Dame Margaret Marckham was profest at Gaunt, in the yeare 1639 the 27 of December, at 22 years old, my lady Eugenia Pulton beeing Abbesse.

And in the year 1652 she was sent with thos Religious that went to Bullogne to assist in that plantation, and went very cheerfully through thos many difficultyes that occurde in that new beginning. She remoude with the rest to Pontoys, where she hath euer serude this community with great charity and fidellity, and with very exemplare evidences of humillity, haueing binn a subiect to seauen Abbesses, comorting herselfe, towards them all, with great submission and cheerfullness, so as to be much beloude and esteemed by them. An[d] vnder theyre gouernment going through all the cheefe offices of Religion, much to theyr satisfaction and aduantage of the Community and tru edification of all, hauing binn seuerall times ellected prioress,

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Deane Cellerier and many other considerable offices, all which and many others, she performde, with a tru Religious zeale & great charity; but becaus she is yet aliue, I will leaue all to a better penn.

This family of Fitzwilliams is on of the most auntient and best allyed in England.

The armes of the Markhames are.

D. Markhame in the yeare 1687 was on of thos 4 that went for Irland to meete my lady Butler and D. Philpot from Ipers ther. Some of ours from this Community beeing desired by the lord Triconnells lady then viceRoy of Irland, and that in so obliging a manner as coulde not be refusde, the desighne beeing soe much for Gods Glory, and goode of Religion, as obligde vs to send some that might be of aduantage for such a work, in the establishing regularity, with a tru fond of vertu in that beginning hows. Dame Markham beeing our first auntient and who had binn seuerall times chosen pryores, and many other cheefe offices, and dischargd them with zeale and satisfaction to all, was iudgde most proper for an assistant in this great enterprize. Her reall pyety and solid vertu, giuing very promising hopes, of her well discharging her duty both to God and Religion. She was by all thought the fittest person to be depended uppon in this mission that were to goe from vs, and accordingly was dismist with 3 more as Superiour in their iourny, and then to surrender her selfe and them, as humble subiects at the feete of my lady Butler, when she sholde meete them in Irland, which obedience D. Marckhame undertooke, with much humility, and alacrity. And on the 2d of July 1687 with abundance of tears on both sides took leaue of the Community, and began theyr iourny, in a disguis, for Roane, wher to take shipe for Irland; and all things succeeding ther prosperously, encourageth us to confide, that Almighty God and our Blessed [Lady], with glorious St Patrick, with all the holy Angells will assist them happily to compleat this great vndertaking, for which we dayly pray.

But since [writing the above] hauing had a letter from Dame Marckham of theyr kynd reception by both theyr excellencyes, and all others, with very promissing hopes of a most happy Setlement; in the iourny which was a very hard on[e], and of tow monthes voyage most of it by sea in great daunger, and terrible stormes, which cast them into seuerall hauens, and in that of Milford poore D. Anne Neuile by a fall got her death, & was buried ther, dying most happily, with the rest much edifyed and went on theyr iourny with much sence of leauing her deade ther, but ioy that she dyed with soe much peace and exemplar vertu.

[So far is Lady Abbess Neville's writing, the following is added after her death, by her successor, Abbess D'abridgecourt.]

1700, November 28. Mother Margaret went from hence [Pontoise] for Ipers, with D. Scholastica Bruning; D. Egenia Green, & D. Mary Laurence Lawson for Ipers & Mother Margaret as the prioris, which office she retain'd till her retourne hether which was on the 1 of October 1702.

She had bine Prioris in this Community about 24 yeares.

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#### Very Reverend Mother Markhams bill

Anno Domini 1717, the 25th of July in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu of Pontoise, of the holy Order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the euer Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the Sacraments of holy Church our most Dear & Saintly Mother Reverend Dame Margarett Markham in the 105th year of her age, and of her Religious Profession 77 she made her Religious vowes at Gant in 1640, [1639] after 12 yeares Profession she was sent first [to] Bologn in Picardy & thence to Pontoise in the yeare 1658 where by her exactness in all her Religious Dutys & Motherly heart render'd her a chief support of Religion till the yeare 1687, when she was sent for Irland to begin a Royall Foundation in Dublin, where after settling all things in a fair prospect, she solemniz'd with great



splendor her 50 years Jubily; but Divine Providence whose designs are inscrutable hauing permitt'd that Catholic Religion & the new establishment shou'd sink under the prevailing power of the Usurper, she was forc'd back to her Monastery where for the seventh time she was chose Prioress, but for her it was not yet a time for repose, her zeale was to be signaliz'd at Ipres, where after having profess'd severall she return'd home; Providence so disposing that those might gather her last breath & be wittness of her edifying End, who had receiv'd from her the first Principals of regularity, & examples never to be forgott of sweetness & consideration to Inferiours, submission to Superiours & Severity to her self whereof the habituall dispositions continued to the last, even when strenght of body & mind fail'd her. All which with many other christian & Religious perfections gives us Just cause to hope she is already enjoying her celestial Spouse.

But not to fail in our Duty, we humbly beg your suffrages & Prayers.

Requiescat In Pace.

#### Dame Francesca Carrington

She was Daughter to my Lord Charles Carrington, Barronne of Wotton. Her mother was Mrs Elizabeth Carrille, Daughter to Sir Jhon Carril of Harting in Sussex.

She was profest at Gaunt vnder my lady Mary Roper who was then Abbesse in the yeare 1646 on the 9th of Aprill. And in the year 1653 she was sent by my lady Mary Knatchbull who was then Abbesse to the beggining of that new plantation at Bullognn. And from thens she came with the other Religious to Pontoys and remayned heere some yeares, seruing this Community with much allacrity and sweetness; beeing most ciuill and obliging to all, readily seruing euery on[e] to her powre.

In the yeare 1663 she returned to her Mother Monastery of Gaunt; where she is still liuing much respected and imployed in the cheefe affayres and seruice to that Community.

[Thus far this notice is in Abbesse Neuille's writing, the following is added by her successor, Abbess D'abridgecourt.]

Anno 1701: the 2d of January she dy'd at Gant.

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D. Christina Thorold was sister to my lady Eugenia Thorold 3rd Abbesse of this monastery.

She was daughter to Mr Edmund Thorold of Hough in Lincolne sheere. Her mother was Mrs Jane Thorold, sister to Sir Robert Thorold of Heath.

When her worthy sister and the rest were sent from Gaunt to Bullogne she made a great sacrifice in parting with my lady Eugenia, her deuotion was to remayn at the Mother hows of Gaunt and profess ther. But prouidence hauing otherways desighned for the greater good of that new plantation, her frends after a yeare or tows expectation of dispatch from her frends for her clothing, they sent express orders for her remoue to Bullogne, to which she and the haws of Gaunt very vnwillingly consented. But God hauing so ordayned wee were all forst to submitt and resign to the diuin will, and in this her prudence and singular vertu very much appearde, and hath euer since increast, to the edification and satisfaction of all.

1656 she receaude the holy habitt on the 11 of September;

1657 and was profest on the 14th of the same month.

[So far is written by Abbess Neville, Ab. D'abridgecourt adds] at 20 years of age.

#### Dame Christina Thorold's death bill.

Anno Domini 1699 the 29 of Aprill in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculat Conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary mother of god of the holy

Order of St Benedict strengthn'd with the holy sacraments is most hapilly deceas'd our belou'd sister Dame Christina Thorold in the 62 yeare of her age and 44 (42) of her profession.

She came from Gant to Bulogne, where she had bine some time postulant, & this by her father's order, she was the first cloath'd by the Lady Catherine Wigmore, and first profess'd of this Community, and was most exemplar in regular discipline, of a sweet, sillant, peacable & oblidging nature, belou'd and esteem'd by all that knew her, and eminent in charity. The continuell sicknesse & great infirmatyes which for aboute 30 yeares she was subiect to, rendre'd her a mirour of patient sufferance. For aboute seuen yeares she was confin'd to her bed & chair by a lamness in her Limbes, & during that time she exactly perform'd her spirituall exercises, & devine Office, euen when her sufferances were greatt, & seldome omitted communicating euery eight days. She was euer Employ'd in some charitable work for one or another and neuer Idle, her last sickness was of 6 months & very Violent from the begining, which she sustan'd with her Usall patience & resignation to Gods deuine will wherby she satisfy'd in this Life for her sinns and what may be wanting to expiat any remaining spott or Blemish your suffrages & holy prayers are requested for the repose of her soul.

Requiescat in pace

Dame Clare Vaghann

She was daughter to Richard Vaghann esquire of Court field in Monmouthsheere.

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Her mother was Mrs Brigit Wigmore, Daughter to Jhon Wigmore esquyre of Lucton in Hereforde sheere, both of them decended of very auntient families, of great pyety and worth.

She receaude the holy habit of Religion at the hands of her vertuous Aunt, the Lady Catherin Wigmore, first Abbesse at Bullogne wher she was clothed on the 11 of September 1656.

And she was profest, at 19 yeares of age the following yeare on the 14th of September 1657. She dyed the 10th of Nouem: 1687.

This good Religious liude like a Bee in the spirituall hive of holy Religion, still gathering honny and improving in vertu by all occasions euen from her very first entring the Monastery. For beeing borne and bred in pyety by soe worthy Catholick parents, she exprest great sentiments of deuotion in thos her younger yeares, but not the least inclination to a Religious life. But Almighty God who certaynly had desighnd her, for on of his cheefe Magazins of spirituall ritches, toucht her hart, with soe efficacious a call, that not with standing all thos naturall oppositions, which were many in her, fomented by the craft and malice of our invisible enemy, yet she firmly resolued uppon a Religious life; and with such vigor and courage vndertooke the course, and continued it, with soe much constancy and zeale as was of great example and edification to all. And as our heauenly maker best knowes the mould wee ar made of and prouides accordingly for our aduantage and safety, so her naturall temper beeing hott and fyery he ballanst that vivacity of humor by such deepe apprehensions, and scrupulous fears as she was allways in such anxiety and trouble of mind; as kept her in great humility and submission both to Superiors, and Ghostly fathers and ciuility towards all; but did no ways hinder her alacrity and du application and discharge of her Religious dutyes and perticuler office, in which she was stil most diligent and exact. And tho offices of Superiority suted but litle with the meane oppinion she had of her owne abillityes, and property for them, yet by diuin prouidence, & the esteeme the Community had of her solid vertu that of Gouernment fell oftenest to her lott, that espetially of Mistress of the nouices, whom she carefully brought up in the tru spiritt of Religion, and du

obseruance of the Rule and constitutions; and hauing both health and zeale, to Leade them by example, her aduices proude the more efficacious to induce them to it. And all the directors and Ghostly fathers ioynd in the oppinion they had of her fitnes for that imployment, in regard of her eminent vertu, and extraordinary talent God had giuen her to instruct and direct soules, not by eloquenty of speach, but by a hidden grace liberally communicated to her by the giuer of all good gifts, byaced by a most profound knowledge and humble under valu of her selfe, which rendered her allways ready to imbrace all occasions of humiliation, and to put her selfe and thos under her charge, readily & cheerfully uppon helping & assisting in the meanest domesticall imployments; with spirituall ioy & deuotion, stille mindfull of the diuin presence, and the example of christ our Sauioure. She was of a most incomparable sincerity & inocency of Soule, soe good a Subiect, & soe tru a frend, louing all in God,

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& for God, as gaue increase of diuin loue to all that were ingagede by frendshipe to her. She beeing of a most obliging gratefull nature, had a great propension to loue, and be beloued by her frends; but heauenly loue had so prepossest her hart as she feard nothing more than her so much affection to creatures, or theyrs to her, & yet euen where motives of affection were most approuable, yet still she wold apprehend & cry out agaynst her selfe that she only gaue the husks to her heauenly spows and the substance to his creatures, striuing with so much vehemency to take of all attash, or engagement to what was not wholly spirituall and Diuin, as it cost her not a litle preiudice to her health by so extraordinary and continuall a watch of restraynt ouer herselfe. But also, as she afterwards confest, brought her a fitt of sickness which much weakened her former strength and health and made her Less able to undergoe thos many great austerities which formerly she was accustomed to aske leaue for, tho still she continued all thos of the Rule till constrayned by great infirmity, to admit of dispensation, as a child of obedience, to which she was always most plyable and submiss, as a true Benedictine. For as she was eminent in all vertu, soe she exceld most in this, and bred all thos of her charge to the same spirit, of beholding God in theyr Superiours, and as this was her owne practis, so she made no difference, but was subordinatly obedient to all, beholding God in them. This allways mayntaynd a tru union between her and her Superiours, with whom she was allways free and intimate. She was a Soule greatly Illuminated, but so absolutly abstracted from all that was high and ellevated, as the more Almighty God raysde her nearer to himself the lower she sunk downe into the center of her owne nothing, and was not only the more humbled by it, but also the more timorous and fearefull, of thos fauors, and the more wary to obserue the common way and methodes giuen and approud for meditation. And tho she was very exact in freely imparting to her director the fruicts of her holy exercyse, and to her Superiour the good purposes she made, you might yet discearn, she composde them in soe playn and breefe a manner, as taking care not to giue them any other flourish or aduantage than what proceeded from holy simplicity and sincerity of hart, notwithstanding they were full and compleat of solid vertu, and as a breefe compendium of the most essentiall obligations, and duties, both of Rules and Religion of which I shall heere, and as they come to my hands noate som few perticulars left in her own hands.

"In the first place now that my mind is a litle recollected from the distractions of the world, I must endeaour to keepe it soe, by beeing blind, deaf and dumb, endeaououring to know nothing but christ crucified; and what belongs to the duty of my office, the better to performe my spirituall exercyses, which I must doe by minding the present action only, and attention to the methode and wordes.

[In margin: which was lost as is thought] I see by the example of father Giffard and the accident of the paper; that I am very unfit to serue God in the nature of a spouse, but my way must be as a poore unworthy handmayde that must serue him with great respect, and louing reuerence in the spirit of pennance & contrition like the poore publican, and

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neuer seeke or giue way to sensible deuotion, for feare that Nature and the Diuell may deceaue me by it. On the meditation of death God gaue me lihght to see, the remaynder of my life to come, could not but bee tedious to my selfe thro infirmityes, and troublesome to others by my litle ability to serue any, and disagreeable way to all. The only benefit that I can make of it is to do penance for my former life, and suffer for Gods loue all payns in it, and so dy to all things the better to liue to Jesus Christ, and not to regard, what anybody will say or think of me, for my reseruednes, espesially in ...; and to such ... and such persons, only to be very silent and ciuill to all, but neuer to frame unnecessary discources, to pleas or comply with any body, or to breake silence, or speake of worldly things. In that of retyrment I discovered that I did not gouern my going out or in of solitude by obedience or charity; but by my owne inclination, lyke the crows doing my exterior actions with clamor and bussell, to be minded by creatures. Which hath rendered them vngratefull to God vnprofitable to my soule, odious and ridiculous to others; which I must indeauor to reforme, by doing my actions, silently and purely to pleas God only and to be seene and minded by him. I will endeauor to beare in mind the life and example of my Sauour, and to practis thos vertus most exemplar in his life, as obedience pouerty, charity, silence recollection humility & patience, taking care to spend well the present moment, to prepare for a happy death, and to do well the present action, becaus it is the will, and the worke of God, and what is only in my powre; and for want of this I haue lost the best part of my life and actions; and to be able to keepe this exactly I will be very obseruant of silence and recollection."

Thus you see, in how breefe and playn a style she noates downe thos perticuler lights Allmighty God gaue her, of what she was to vndergo and suffer for him, and the thorny way she was to walk, which considering her infirmity and the success of it in all respects answerable to that fore knowledge giuen to her. Certaynly thos lights, were very extraordinary and great evidencyes of Gods peculiar loue to her soule and espetiall assisting grace to her of du cooperation, and that happy preparation, we were all witnes she made for her last howre; as well as du application to make right use, euen as it were beforehand, of that deprivation of her memory and iudgement, which at times by entervals often left her. In which at ferst both the strenth of a naturall deepe apprehension, and a constant timorous conscience wold put her into great frightes and difficultyes, seconded by the malice of the inuisible enemy in which you might still discover the force and efficacy of thos former endeauors she had still used in her recourse to God, and Submission both to Ghostly fathers and Superiours, which was now her only Solace and remedy. And as she had euer accustomed herselfe to a most Religious comportment, with respect to Superiours and ciuillity to all, so in her most transported disturbances or insensibility the word of obedience had a powre uppon her and the good custume she had attaynd by a perpetuall mortification of her senses, and right religious gouernment of her selfe in all her motions, words and behaviour, with a

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firmes settlednes in God by an intimate communication with him by his espetiall assisting grace and fauor to her gaue her this happy aduantage, that from the time that she began to loose intirly her memory, and fayle in her iudgement some monthes before she dyed, she was neuer heard to say any on word that was or could be offensiue to God, or her

neighbor, or do any misbeseemmg action. Nay rather it was strange that beeing some weeks before she dyed like an innocent child; and for many days before she expirde, as it were deprived of all sence yet at certayn times she came so to her senses as to be capable to expres by seuerall acts of pyety a present understanding of what was sayd or proposed to her in God, as she did seuerall times to thos priests that came in to watch and pray by her.

And as her deuotion to the Blessed Sacrament was most exemplar and known to all to be what she chiefly aymed to be excellent in, so our Deere Lord vouchsafed her that high fauour as that when wee were Almost past hoeps of her capacity to receaue her viaticum tow fathers of the Society with our owne Ghostly father and chaplin with all the Community praying by her as beleewing her neere her end, hauing all the remarks of a dying person both in her countenance and motions the Superior when the commendation of the Soule had binn all repeated sayd to her: D. Clare if you desire absolution bow your head, which she immediatly did, and the Ghostly father gaue her absolution; the Superior agayn sayd to her: D. Clare if you desir to receaue our Blessed Lord as your Vaticum bow your head; she presently did soe and lookt up with a great cheerfullnes, and on the fathers speaking to her to prepare to receaue her heauenly spows her lord & her God she shewed thos evidences of deuotion, and present right understanding of that great action, as with much ioy they brought the Blessed Sacrament, which she receaude with much peace and deuotion, to the great comfort and edification of all who were present; and tru euidence of Almighty Gods peculiar faouere and mercy to her soule, of which also this ensuing act made in her perfect health to desire absolution at the howre of her death, is an other tru sighn of Gods preventing grace to her: here follows the act she made in health to desir absolution at her death.

"praysed and glorified be the most holy and euer Adorable Sacrament of the Aultar;

By this present wrighting I doe most humbly begg at the howre of my death, absolution of all my Sinnes, for which I am most hartily sorry, tho then I may not be able to desire the same, therefore by this present I affirme, by the Grace of God, in whom I confide and desire to serue, & loue for all eternity that I desir it, beg & wish for it, tho then I may or shall not be able to express the same and manifest this my desir yet I humbly beg for charityes sake, to be remembered in the holy prayers, at that howre and after death, esppecially in holy Mass and when you are before the Most Blessed Sacrament."

O prouidence Diuin, O immence loue and goodnes of Almighty how sweetly the Diuin wisdom disposed that his etemall desighne of substracting the capacity of her perfect senses from her but by litle

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flashes towards her last howre, did so mercifully afforde her, such preventing grace and light, as might happily dispose her, to conclude well that last great action of her life; giuing us such euident proofes of her blessed death as proude of much comfort to all, and will euer remayn to us as a lasting memory of her great and eminent vertu remayning & as a perpetuall incouragement, to follow her example, in the exact practis of our holy Rule, to which she was most faithfull;

requiescat in pace.

Dame Clare Vaghan's bill.

In the year of our Lord 1687 the 10th of Nouember, in this our monastery of Grace Dieu at Pontoise, dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the euer Glorious virgin Mary Mother of god, of the holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict, is happily disceas'd, strenthn'd with the

holy sacraments, our belou'd sister, Dame Clare Vaghan in the 49 year of her age, and 30<sup>th</sup> of her profession. She was one of the 3 profest at Bullogne, that came to lay the foundation of this Monastery in the strict obseruance of Religious disciplin, in which she surpast all by her example. She was for many years Mistress of the Nouices, and by her owne exact practis of the Rule bred them up and instruct'd them in all vertu, rather than by eloquent words, thus disposing and preparing them for thir spirituall nuptialls with the Lamb. She was mild and sweet both in word and behaiour, her delight was to doe good to all the world, wishing it in her powre, but was most seure to her selfe, she fram'd and conform'd herself, by so surprising a humility of spirit to the will of her superiours, that she beleeu'd nothing was permissiue to her; but that they ordayn'd, or her Ghostly father comanded, being euer more ready to obey, than accept of authority or charges, as hauing always a true disesteeme of her selfe, and for her vow of Obedience a particular preference, nothing being more agreable to her then to submitt to all, and no deuotion more eminent in her then that to the Blessed Sacrament, as was manifest by her great endeauour to aproach to that heavenly Banquet, with all possible purity of Consience, & profound reuerence, as in her participation of those diuine misteryes, often drew tears from her eyes, and rais'd others to a greater veneration to the euer Adorable Sacrament. She was powrefull in words, and in works instructing, and reduceing into the boosome of our holy mother the Roman Catholicke Church, many heriticques English souldiers which were quarter'd in the town, and Tho' beeing thus prepar'd, we may hope she is admitt'd by her Celestiall Spouse, to the eternall nuptialls of the diuine Lamb, yet least some humain weakness, may yet retard her entrance into bliss, we humbly request your holy sacrificyes, and prayers, that beeing intierly purify'd, she may enjoy God for Eternity. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Gertrude Turner

was daughter of Thomas Turner esquier of Litle Audley End in Essex. Her mother was Mrs Alic Wigmore, sister to my lady Catherin our first Abbesse. Dame Gertrude was clothed at Bullogne on the

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11 of september 1656, And profest on the 14th of the same month 1657 at 22 years of age. By my lady Catherin Wigmore. She dyed the 8th of February 1691.

Dame Gertrudes Bill.

Jesus Maria Benedict.

Anno Domini 1691; the 8th of February, in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicat'd to the Immaculate Conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary, Mother of god, of the holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict; is happily deceas'd, strengthen'd with the holy sacraments, our belou'd sister Dame Gertrude Turner, in the 60th year of her age, and 34 of her profession. She was one of the 3 first profest at Bullogne, that came to lay the foundation of this monastery, in the strict obseruance of religious disciplin in which she excell'd in a most eminent maner to the very last, so that her exemplar life has giuen sufficient subiect for a large elegi, had not her humility sillenc'd my penn by desiring at her death that nothing might be mention'd in this present Obiit, but only to request your holy sacrificyes and prayrs that her injoying god for all eternity might not be retard'd. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Joseph Butler

Daughter to esquier Tolby Butler of Callin in Irland, she is nearly allyed to my lord Duke of Ormund, a family for antiquity and Nobillity very splendid in that country. Her mother was Mrs

Anne Andley of the family of the earle of Suffolke. She was coheyr with an other sister; theyr estate lay in Essex.

She was clothed the 5 of October 1656; And profest on the 4 of Nouember 1657, at the age of ... by my lady Christina Foster.

In the year 1682 or 83 she was sent to Ipres for the benefitt of the Irish nation, to establish them there A monastery of our order and congregation. In the year 1686 she was ellected 3rd Abbess of Ipres & blest the Nouember after. In the year 1687 she was call'd into Irland by Lord & Lady Tirconnell the Vis Roy; but on the Revelution return'd back to Ipres 1689. She govern'd 37 years, & dyed the 22th December 1723.

Dame Mary Frances Elliot;

(named Mary in Baptism)

Daughter to Jhon Elliot esquire of Bellos in Essex cald Standford Riuers. Her mother was Mrs Catherin daughter to John Schrimshaw esquire of Horberry in Staffordsheere, a person of great bewty, equall modesty, Religion & vertue of which James Steward Duke of Yorke suckt the milk of Catholick Religion. Dame Mary Frances was clothed the 5 of October (1656), profest the 4 of Nouember with D. Mary Butler in the yeere 1657 at 24 years of age. She dyed the 15th of January 1698.

Anno domini 1697/8 the 15th of January, in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculate Conception

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of the euer glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God of the holy Order of our Blessed father St Benedict, is hapily deceas'd strenthn'd with the holy oyls our Beloued sister dame Mary Frances Eliot in the 66 year of her age & 41 of profession. She was most exemplar in coman disiplin, the first att all obseruances, performing all her religious dutys with the same feruour, as the first day she enter'd, neuer relaxing, but retaining to the last all those practices of humility she learnt in her nouiship, as frequent Imbracing humble & charitable actions so conforme to our holy rule, she lou'd & seru'd her neighbour for to please her deuine spouse, & was most Ingenious in finding means to excuse them in all Ocations. Her Interior Aplication made her euer in gods deuine presence & so united to him that she continually breath'd forth acts of deuine Loue, & Conformity to his will, offring herself to be contemn'd dispiss'd & cast aside as an Insignificant person, if such were his pleasure. She was an enemy to all noueltys & perticularitys as the baine of religion & as she excell'd in these and other vertues, I question not but she's now inioying the reward due to her perseuerant fidelity or att least will by the assistance of your prayers and suffrages which is requested.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Hellen Hamerton,

Daughter to Phillip Hamerton Esquire of Munkroode in Yorksheere. Her mother was Mrs Dorothy Young Daughter to esquire Young of Burn in Yorksheere neere Selbee. Dame Hellen was the first that was profest in this towne of Pontoise by my Lady Christina Forstor on the 24 of July 1658 at 19 years of her age [In margin: 1657 clothed the 30 of May]. She dy'd the 12th of March, 1707.

Anno Domini 1707 the 12 of March in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary mother of God, of the holy order of our Blessed Father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd strenthn'd with the sacrements of the Church, our belou'd sister in Christ, Dame Hellen Hamerton in the 68 year of her age and 49 of profession. She was one of great example, in all reguler diciplin & common dutys of

religion, being euer one of the first at all obseruances, & neuer relax'd, but may be said to dye in her first feruour, & constant compliance with her vocation, & the equality wherwith she receau'd the news of her aproching death, which tho surprising, yet she was conformed to Gods deuine will; and nether desir'd any person or had anything to say to any, but those present; which expos'd her fidelity to her vocation, & was what render'd her so peaceable & without trouble at the last hower, her suferance for many years we are all wittnes to, and her great patience & constant imploying herselfe in humble actions, when euen she was not able to moue about, so that superiours was oblidg'd to forbid her, & tho thes continuall sufferance for many years may haue satisfy'd for her failings; yet let us allow her soul our suffrages and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

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Dame Mary Bruning

Daughter to Antony Bruning Esquire of Wimmering in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Mary Hyde of Pangborn in Barksheere. [In margin: 1657 clothed September the 8] She was profest in my Lady Christina Forster's time of prelature on the 16 of September 1658 at 19 years of age. She dy'd the 11 of March 1709.

Anno domini. 1709 the 11 of March, in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculat Conception of the Mother of god, is hapyly deceas'd strengthened with the holy sacrements our Dearly Belou'd Sister christ Reverend Mary Bruning ag'd 72 and of profession 50. She was euer fervorus in the obseruance of our H. Rule, much adicted to prayer & reading, adding to the ordinary obligations many perticuler deuotions, without being less assiduous in all coman practices. But as her zeal for diuine seruice in the Quire was remarkable the Cornmunity generally reseru'd her for Prioress or Dean; in both thes employments she was of great example, being tender of Others and only seuer to herself; which rigor shorten'd her days, for being seas'd with a palsie she dissembl'd her infirmity aboue a year, till being spent by Long sufferance she was forc'd to yeald and take her Bed, wher after 15 dayes she gave up her happy soul, Expressing with much tendernes her ardent desier to injoy god. Her conformity to the diuine will makes us hope she now injoys the repose of the just but least any spott may remain, we request your sufrages & prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Mary Roper

Daughter to Edmund Roper esquyre of Hartcliffe in Kent decended from the Noble family of the Lord Tenham Roper of Lodge in Kent, she was the eldest sister of 3 who were all Religious in the monastery, and coheyres to there father's estate. Her mother was Mrs Anne Noble. She was also a coheyr with one other sister to an estate in Essex. She was daughter to Mr Henry Noble. [In margin: 1657 clothed February the 24] D. Mary was profest in my Lady Christina Forster's time 1659 uppon the 5th of May; at the age of 17. She dyed the 26 of March 1690.

Cest noble famille port eschiquetre, d'azur et d'ore de six pieces a trois macles d'or; Jesus Maria Benedict.

Anno domini 1690, the 26 of March in this our monastery of English Benedictine Dames of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicated to the Imaculate conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of St Benedict, is most happily Departed this life, our belou'd sister Dame Mary Roper, strengthen'd by the holy sacraments of the Church, at 48 years of age, and 31 of her profession. She was most piously prepar'd by a long and painfull sickness borne with much patience, expression of deuotion & resignation. She euer had a perticuler deuotion to our most glorious Patriarch St Benedict, and expres't it by a high esteeme, and exact obseruance of our holy rule, and due compliance with regular discipline & zeale of obseru



Ances. God had euer giuen her a deep sence of his loue and feare of offending him, which she often expres't in her sickness, by which she hath giuen us much edification and comfort, and as our Lord was pleas'd to call her to him on the feast of his resurrection I dout not but he will soone make her participant of his eternall glory, yet least there may be any thing remaining for satisfaction in the other life, we humbly begg your holy suffrages & prayers for the eternall rest of her soule. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Justina Timperly,

Daughter to Michael Timperly esquire of Hintlesham in high Suffolke. Her mother was Mrs Francis Beddingfield daughter to Sir Hennery Beddingfield Knight of Oxborough in Norfolke. [In margin: clothed on the 4 of January 1659] She was profest by my lady Christina Forster, and made her holy vowes on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January in the yeare of our Lord 1660 at 21 years of age. She dyed the 27 of Aprill 1684.

Anno Domini 1684 in this our Monastery of English Religious of the holy order of St Benedict of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicated to the all Immaculate Conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary mother of god, strenthned with all the holy Sacraments, is most happily departed this life our beloued sister Dame Justina Timperly at the age of 43 and proffession 24<sup>th</sup>, which she imploy'd so zealously uppon the seruice of god and that of the community as gaue great edification; and though she was all to all gladly and Readily seruing all, yett was she not less attending to god by a most faithfull compliance with all her spirituall and Religious duties. Her esteeme of obedience, and dependance uppon Superiors, was truly humble & sinceare, and as in her life she was an example of pyety to all, so in her death an intyre Resignation to gods deuin will gives us great hopes of her futur happiness; but not knowing how the Ballance may carry in the other world, wee humbly begg for the rest of her soule the assistance of your holy sacrifices and prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Aloysia Elliot

Daughter to Jhon Elliot esquire of Bullos in Essex. Her mother was Mrs Catherin Schrimshaw daughter to Jhon Schrimshaw esquire of Horberry in Stafford sheere; [In margin: she was clothed January 5 1659] she made her holy vowes under my Lady Christina Forster on the 8 of January 1660 at 20 years olde. She dyed the 12 of July 1722.

Anno Domini 1722 the 12 of July in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily Deceas'd, strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments, our dearly belov'd Sister Dame Aloysia Elliot, in the 83d year of her age & 62 of Profession. She came Scholler from Bullen for the establishment of this Community, & gave great marks of the Solidity of her vocation by the courage &

zeal with which she went through the hardships Incident to the new foundation. God had endow'd her from her tender years with great Naturall Parts, which she employ'd with much Fidelity for the Service of the Community, [a] great part of which she train'd up to monasticall profession in the noviceship, which employment she perform'd to the Satisfaction of all. Many years she spent in the Office of Procuratrice, with courage bearing all Difficultys belonging to it, ever depending upon Divine Providence when humane Succours fail'd. Severall other offices she had in which she gave much Edification. Whilst Prieress she shew'd a Motherly heart to all,

& did more of regular Dutys then her Age & Strength wou'd permitt, particularly the two last years which were the last of her life. She spent all her spare time in the Quire as a victime preparing for the Stroke that was to consummate the sacrifice, which was given by a violent Feaver which seas'd her body but left her mind free till she had by the rites of the Church prepar'd & strengthen'd her soul to appear before her Spouse whose mercys are Infinite, but Justice exact, so least any spott unworthy of his sight be found in her, we begg your Suffrages & Prayers for her speedy repose. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Benedict Hamerton,

Sister to Dame Hellen Hamerton and daughter to the same father and mother; as follio 107. She was profest with dame Justina and dame Aloysia by my Lady Christina Forster on the 8 of January 1660 at 26 years of age. She dyed the 23 of Nouember 1679.

Dame Benedict's Bill.

Anno Domini 1679 the 23 of Nouember, in this our monastery of Grace Dieu, in Pontoise, of the Holy Order of St Benedict dedicated to the euer Immaculat Conception of the glorious virgin Mary mother of god, is happily deceased our beloued Sister Dame Benedict Hammerton the 47 yeare of her age, & 20 of her profession; strengthned with the Holy Sacraments of the Church, and prepared by a Long and Tedious Sickness, borne with much patience and Conformity to gods will, hauing Long and Zealously Laboured in seruing the Community by exercising the office of guardrobe some 13 years, with great humillity, Charity, and sweetness, true Respect and Obedience to Superiours Cheerfully suplying all yett with prouidence and care of pouerty, nor was she Less exemplar in pyetie and deuotion. Her hart burning with deuine loue, [she] made frequent use of deuout aspirations both in health and sickness, in which she breath'd forth the moments of her Life, and though this her happy death may as wee hope Render her great aduantages towards Eternall glory, yett Considering humain frailty, Least any thing remaine to be purgde by fyer, we humbly begg the assistance of your holy sacrifices and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

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Dame Anna Maria Talbote,

Daughter to Jhon Talbote Earle of Shrowsbery, sister to the Lord Francis last Earle of Shrowsbery, aunt to the Lord Charles who now bears that title. Her mother was Mrs Frances Arundell daughter to the Lord Arundell warder of Warder Castle, tow very Noble auntient Catholicke families. She was profest by my Lady Christina Forster, & made her holy vowes on the 9th of October 1660 at 19 years olde.

portrait de gueulle au Lion rampant. d'or a la bordure engreslee de mesme;  
She dy'd the 13 of February 1692.

Jesus Maria Benedict.

Anno Domini 1692, the 13th of February in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicat'd to the Immaculat Conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of our Blessed Father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the rights of our holy mother the church, our Right Honourable and beloue'd Sister Dame Anna Maria Talbot, in the 51 year of her age, and 32 of her profession. She was daughter to Jhon Talbot, Earle of Srewsbury. Vertu and Nobility was so conjoyn'd in her person that all her actions expres'd the interieur vertus of her mind, and high estime of her holy stat & vocation, humility and charity, was aparent in all her prossedings. Sillent sufferance, and patience in bearing continuall sicknes, euen from her infancy, crown'd all her other eminent Vertues and might well serue as a means

to expiat thos faillings which humain nature inclins vs to, yet least any blemish remains to be purifi'd, we most humbly Request a participation in your holy Sacrifyses and prayers for the Repos of her Soule.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Dorothy Caluert,

Daughter to Jhon Caluert Esquire in the County of Lincoln. [In margin: 1662 clothed 22 of November]. She was profest on the 28 of December at 24 years of age by my Lady Eugenia Thorold. She dyed the 28 of December 1665.

Dame Dorothys Bill.

In the yeare of our Lord 1665 the 28 of December in this Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict, strengthened with the holy Sacraments there happily departed this life Dame Dorothy Caluert aged 25, of profession 2. She was a support to all by her Labourious Zeale and Charitable Concurrence to serue and assist each one in theyr concerns & imployment, Cheerfully & Readily embracing the most abiect and Troublesome affayrs, when it might be necessary for the generall good or perticuler comfort of any. She dyed of a short but vyolent sickness, which she supported with Religious Resignation; we humbly begg your holy suffrages & prays for the Repose of her soule. Requiescat in Pace.

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Dame Elizabeth Dabridgecourt

Daughter to Thomas Dabridgecourt, Knight Barronett. Her mother was Mrs Anne Sanders daughter to Mr Sanchott Sanders of Sutton Court esquire. She made her holy vowes and profession vnder my lady Christina Forster on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January in the yeare 1661 at 16 years of age (clothed Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1660).

Anno Domini 1715 the 17th of August in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily Deceas'd strengthen'd with the Sacrament of Extreme Unction, the Illustrious & very Reverend Lady, The Lady Elizabeth Dabridgcourt in the 71 year of her age & of her Religious Profession 55 & 20 of her Prelature. She made her vows at the age of 16 & from that time made it her study to become a Perfect Child of our holy Father St Benedict, immitating him in her love to solitude & silence, coveting to be only known to God, so that she suffer'd violence when obedience call'd her from it, but as she Possesst many Excellent Qualities, she was constrain'd to Perform severall of the most considerable Imployments, which she acquitt'd with much zeal & exactitude & drew upon her the votes of this Community, which she with Tears & the most Moving Expostulations endeavour'd to divert, but in vain. Finding herself Force'd out of the armes of her belove'd retirement & place'd on the Candlestick to Enlighten this Community, it appear'd Evidently that the voice of God spoke in the unanimous Suffrages of her Election. It was astonishing to see her great facility in speaking & writing, such exactitude of delivery, she spoke wisdom as the Scripture term's it, with Magnificence & brightness. She had a perfect understanding of all Monasticall Discipline & Customes, as well as in Regular & Excleciasticall Practices & Ceremony's, by which appear'd how much she loved this beauty & decent order of the Church of God. She was renown'd for worth & honnour, ever Faithfull to her word, thus having spent her strength in Maintaining the ancient Discipline & Primitive Spirit of our holy Father, by having regard to each one's strength & capacity, but finding her health cou'd not permitt her to act by herself, she Lay'd down the Government, living after in great Submission & true Comfort at being free'd from Superiority. But as the lugements of God are Inscrutable, if the sharps't pains left anything to be consume'd,

we humbly beg that by the assistance of your Suffrages, she may be speedily admitt'd amongst the virgin spouses, ever Inseperable Followers of the Lamb. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Placida Roper,

Sister to D. Mary Roper and born of the same parents, as in follio 109 [In margin: 1661 clothed January 16]. She made her holy vows & profession vnder the Gouvernment of my lady Eugenia Thorold in the first yeare of her prelature 1662 on the 11th of Aprill at 18 years of age. She dyed the 22 of February 1708/9.

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Dame Placida's bill.

In the year of our Lord 1709 the 22 of February in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict strengthened with the Sacraments of the holy Church happily depart'd this life Dame Placida Roper aged 65 & of profession 47. 'Tis often obserud that our deaths are no other then the eccho of our liues particularly by Pere Nouet in his retreat for death. This is verified in our dear deceas'd Sister D. Placida whos life was exemplar for piety & deuotion especially to our Holy father, & deuotion to the most Blessed Sacrament whos Octaue she daily spent in adoring that diuine Mistery in the Quire. Her death was no les admirable then her life by her ferverous aspirations to her crucify'd Sauour into whos sacred wounds I doubt not but she repos'd.

Dame Angella Reddall,

Daughter to Sir Thomas Reddall of Fenham in the country of Northumberland. Her mother was Mrs Barbara Dennison daughter to Sir Alexander Dennison of New Castle. She was profest the same day & yeare with D. Placida Roper at 18 years of age. She dy'd the 12 of March 1709.

Anno Domini 1709, the 12 of March in our monestery of Grace Dieu of the order of St Benedict, departed this Life our dearly belou'd sister in Christ, Reverend Dame Angela Riddall, at the age of 65, and of profession 47. She dy'd of a fit of appoplex and her death was as afflicting as surprising. She was a mirror of Religious perfection, for all actions the most ordinary appear'd extraordinary in her by her fidelity and zeal being as exact as the Bell that cal'd her. Her great devotion & comfort was the quire, from which she was neuer absent unless some urgent necessity dispenc'd her. In her conuersation, humble afable & sincere, to be short she deseru'd to be esteem'd the prop and treasure of Religious vertues, as humility was her character, so superiority was her martirdom & whilst she was Mistress of nouices and Prioress she chose rather to instruct by example than by discours. Much more might be say'd of her eminent perfections; but we have here an ample subiect of imitation as well as admiration, and sufficient to giue us a belief that her whol Life was an acceptable preparation for death, and consequently that she now enjoys the recompence of her vertu, but least any spott remain we humbly beg your suffrages & prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Anna Catherina Bruning,

Sister to dame Mary Bruning both born of the same parents. She was profest with dame Angella Reddell and dame Placida Roper on the 11 of Aprill 1662 at 20 years of age. She dyed the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nouember 1668.

Dame Anna Catherina Bruning's bill.

Anno Domini 1668 Nouember the 5 in our monastery of the Immaculat Conception of the very Blessed Virgin Mary of English dames

of the holy order of St Benedict at Pontoise there happily discesed, strengthened with the Rights and Sacraments of our holy mother the Church, Dame Anna Catherina Bruning at 27 years of age, & 7<sup>th</sup> of her profession. Amongst many other vertues there shined in her silence, peace, with an admirable sweetness behauour and Conuersation which made her beloued by all and though we do not doubt but that she is already enjoying the aduantages of a better life, yet regarding the obligations of Charity we request your prayers and sacrifices for her souls rest. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Teresa Swift, daughter to Mr Hennery Swift of Magborrough in deauonsheere. Her mother was Mrs Margaret Lismore, daughter to Mr Lismore in Deauonsheere. She made her holy vowes and profession vnder my lady Eugenia Thorold with the other 3 dames on the 11th of Aprill 1662 at 27 years of age. She dyed January the 18, 1720.

Dame Mary Teresa's bill.

Anno Domini 1720 the 18 of January in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontois of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily Deceas'd, strengthen'd with the last Sacraments Our Dearly Belove'd Sister, Dame Mary Teresa Swift, who from her entrance into Religion shew'd much zeal att the Quire, God having given her a fine voice which she made use of to sing his praises as long as her health wou'd permit. She pass'd through the employments of Dean & Portress, in which she gave great Edification both abroad & att home, by her Tender Charity to the Poor. The love she had to Prayer & Interiour Application appear'd in her Eminent. All the Moments she had free she spent before her Sacred Spouse, who to Purifie her virtue took from her, her corporall Sight, yet she faild not paying him Several times a day her Adoration in his Temple, till age & the loss of her Limbs confin'd her to the Infirmary, where she perform'd her Spirituall Exercises as long as God left her her judgement. Her sufferance were violent & long, which gives us hopes that they have purified what might retard her enjoyment of God. We beg for her your holy Suffrages & Prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Barbara Philpot,

Daughter to George Philpot esquire of Compton in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Winnifred Welles Daughter to Mr Gilbert Welles esquire of Brambridge in Hamsheere. She Receaued the holy habit of Religion the 28 of August 1661 and made her vowes & profession the 21 of Nouember 1662 at 21 years of age. She dyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1696.

Anno Domini 1696 the 4<sup>th</sup> of May in this or Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, of the holy order of St Benedict is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the rights of holy Church, our dearly belou'd Sister Dame Barbara Philpot in the 56 year of her age and 34 of her

profession. She seru'd God and religion with those good parts he had endu'd her with, being an industrious officer, and ordering all ther in for the Comunitys aduantage, hauing in all regard to holy pouerty. She was ever willing and charitable in helping or assisting any that needed or requir'd her assistance. Her other abilitys rendered her fitt to be sent to assist at Ipers, where after 3 months she receau'd her obedience for England, from the Lady Buttler her Abbess and soon after went for Irland to act there for a fundation which God Blest with good Success; & she order'd to return for France to negotiate some affaires for that hous at Dublin, after which she went to Ipers and was superiour there 3 years, in the Lady Buttlers absence; & return'd to our Community after 5 years spent in the Irish mission, being indefatigable in all these her

obediences, by which she aduanc'd gods honor. She aply'd herself most seriously the Last year of her Life to all religious dutys, & the overcoming of herselfe which seru'd to prepare her for a hapy death which god was pleas'd to give her by a short but violent sicknes, yet her conformity to the deuine will was such as asures she's in the way to Eternall hapynes, soe that your prayers and suffrages are requir'd for her soules rest. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Micktilda Smith.

Mrs Margaret Smith in Religion Dame Micktilda daughter to Edward Smith esquire of Ask neere Durham in Bishop Brigg. Her mother was Mrs Margaret Boulmore daughter to ... [Note: There are errors, and perhaps confusion, in this unfinished note and that of Dame Alexia later. They may have been sisters of Sir Edward Smythe, first baronet of Eshe in the Bishoprick (Bishop Brigg, *sic*), as the county of Durham was called. The Bishops of Durham were also Earls or Counts Palatine, bearing the coronet with the mitre as their crest. Sir Edward was son of John Smythe of Eshe, by Margaret, eldest daughter of Sir Bertram Bulmer of Thursdale, also in the Bishoprick].

Dame Micktilda Receaued the Holy Habitt on the 2<sup>d</sup> of July 1662 and was profest on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1663 at the age of 19. she dyed the 18 of November 1708 at St Catherins in Angers.

Anno Domini 1708, the 18 of Nouember, at St Catherins in Angers happily deceas'd strengthn'd with the ritts of holy church, our belou'd sister in Christ, Reverend D. Matilda Smith in the 64 year of her age, and 45 of her profession. She was sent out for the cure of her Eyes the Phisicicens judging this air to sharp, and was placed with permission Suprs in the aboue sayd monastery, wher she liu'd 25 years. She had a good witt well qualify'd for all Employments, an angelicall modesty in her composure which shin'd especiall in places of regular obseruances. which excited all to Imitate her Recolection, she was euer adicted to retierment & prayer, from which she drew much vigor in the practice of all solid vertu to the Edification of all she liu'd with. She had a Long painfull Sicknes before Death, which according to the attestation of her French Superior she Bore with perfect conformity, apearing to be strictly vnited to her heavenly Spouse. Haeuing all caus to hope she is enter'd into the joys promist to the faithfull servants, but least any spott remain we humbly request your suffrages and prayers.

Requiescat in pace.

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Dame Xaveria Collens in Baptism Anne, Daughter to Mr Jhon Collens of Diucksteede in Kent.

Her mother was Mrs Mary Beat daughter to Sir H. Beat of Meadstoun in Kent. She was clothed the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1663 and profest the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1664/5 at the age of ... She dyed the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1668.

Dame Xaveria Collens bill.

Anno Domini 1668 in the English monastery of Religious Dames of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary in Pontoise, strengthened with all the rights of the holy Catholick Church, there piously deceased Dame Anne Xaveria Collens at 22 years of age & 4<sup>th</sup> of her profession. She was most Eminent in Regular dissiplen and zeale of obseruances, a great Labourer in humble actions for the common good; and Least ther may be any thing Remaining for satisfaction in the other life, wee humbly begg your suffrages and prayers for the Eternall rest of her soule. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Alexia Smith (Smythe) Sister to dame Micktilda Smith and daughter to Edward Smith esquire of Ash (Eshe) neer Durham in Bishope brigg. Her mother was Mrs Margaret Boulmore daughter to ...

Dame Alexia Receaued the holy habit on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in the yeare 1663 and was profest March the 19 1664/5 at the age of 17. She dyed the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 1666.

Dame Alexia Smith's bill.

In the yeare 1666 the 9<sup>th</sup> of December in this our monastery dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the ever glorious virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict, of Grace Dieu at Pontoise in France, happily departed this Life our beloued sister, Dame Alexia Smith, strengthened by the holy Sacraments of the Church. She was most pyously prepared by a long sickness born with much patience, expression of deuotion and Resignation. She was of an excellent witt, sweet and pleasant humor, agreable to all, plyable to Superiours, & ready to assist and do charities for all as farr as her strenth would permitt. She compleated a great worke in a Short time, contemning the world in the flowr of her age, for which as she justly deserued her sentiplus in this Life, so we hope her Eternall reward expected her in the other life, but as we ar ignorant of what passeth in the other world, so ar we obliged to assist thos that depart from vs. She was 19 yeares of age & 2 of profession, for the Repose of whos soule wee humbly begg your holy suffrages and prayers.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Scholastica Bruning Daughter to Edmund Bruning Esquire of Wimmering in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Anne Winchcome daughter to Hennery Winchcome Esquire of Buckleberry in Barksheere. She was clothed the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1664 & profest the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1666 at the age of 18, she dyed 1713.

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Anno domini 1713 the 18 of April, dyd in this our monestery of Grace Dieu, of the order of St Benedict dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady, strenghtend with holy Sacrement our belou'd sister in Christ, Reverend D. Scholastica Bruninge, in the 65 of her age and 47 of profession. By the uniformity of her conduct she seem'd to have been born of mature & ripe years, neuer hauing apear'd childish or giuen to youthfull amusements; but all was pos'd & graue in her Comportment. Being invested with the holy habit the modesty & serenity of her countenance in all places of Regularity was the portrait of the Inocent of her soul. Her loue to Solitude Silance & Recolection was a liuely cobby of her patroness St Scholastica. Her zeal for comon dutys made her force her feeble body to goe to the Refectory and to be present at matins, tho her want of sight gaue her a just dispence. The last 4 months of her life she suffer'd great infirmitys which she suported with admirable patience to the edification of all. She deceas'd with as great peace & tranquility of mind as tho she had already the assurance of future hapyness, but least ther remain any spot to be purify'd we request your suffrages & prayers.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Catherin Roper daughter to Edmund Roper esquire of Hart Clife in Kent. Her mother was Mrs Anne Hoble daughter to Mr Hennery Hoble in Essex. She is sister to Dame Mary, and D. Placida Roper and Coheyre with them. She was clothed the 11 of January 1667 and profest the 3<sup>d</sup> of the same month 1667 at the age of 20. She dyed the 23 of March: 1669 =1700.

Anno domini 1700 the 23 of March in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculat conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God of the holy order of our Blessed Father St Benedict is hapily deceas'd strengthn'd with all the Rights of

holy Church, our belou'd sister dame Catherine Roper in the 51 year of her age and 31 of her profession. She was euer infirm & sickly from her entrance, & had more zeal to consecrate herself to her heauenly spows in religion then health to comply with its obligations. She was euer constant and assiduous in her deuotions & prayer, & neuer Idle her carage; was greatt joyn'd with uirtue wherby she suported much Infirmary espetially the 3 last months of her Life, when her sufferance redoubl'd, by being continually confin'd to her chair not being able to lye in bed in all that time, but for 3 or 4 nights and that only for few howers, yet her patience was of edification to all as was her serious preparation for death, being herself even to the last, all which agurs she is in the way of eternall hapiness, yet your prayers & sufrages are requested for the repose of her soul.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Gertrud Cone (in Baptism Susanna) daughter to Mr Fransis Cone in Scotland. Her mother was Mrs Susan Wisman daughter to Mr Thomas Wisman of Canfield hall in Essex. She was clothed Aprill 22, 1668. Profest the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1669 at the age of 26. She dyed the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1686.

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Dame Mary Gertruds bill.

Anno Domine 1686 the 17 of January in this our monastery at Pontoise of English Dames of the holy order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the ever Glorious virgin Mary mother of god, is happily departed this life, strenthened with the holy sacraments, our beloued sister Dame Mary Gertrud, alias Susanna Conne, at 43 years of age and the 17<sup>th</sup> of her profession which she spent with most exemplar fidelity to Almighty god and in the exact obseruance of our holy rule, beeing always most rigorous to her selfe in the greatest severities of the Rule. Her piety and reverence in prayer was so evident to the last of her life, as she never prayd but upon her knees, espetially in the Quire, her silence so exact, as non could tex her with any error in that vertue, or fayling in Charity which gave her many aduantage of Joy and Comfort at her death, entertayning the discourse of dying and what related to that passage as if she had binn preparing a wedding garment for her nuptiall feast. But since all the virgins did not enter with the bridgroom, least any thing should retard her following the lambe wee humbly request for her your holy suffrages & prays. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Ignatious Champion, daughter to Thomas Champion esquire of Champion Court Buuckhingame sheere.

Her mother was Mrs Elizabeth Paterson, daughter to Mr George Paterson in Scotland. She was clothed the 26 of December 1668 and profest the 22 of the same month 1669 at the age of 25. She dyed the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1717.

Anno Domini 1717 the 20<sup>th</sup> of May in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu of the holy order of St Benedict dedicat'd to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthend with the holy Sacraments our Dearly belove'd Sister Dame Mary Ignatia Champion in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 48<sup>th</sup> of Profession. Her last Sickness was but of a Day & instead of being allarm'd at the surprising news of her death, she received the Summons of it with joy, calling for her Sacraments which she received with great presentness of mind & devotion. Immediately after [she] fell into her agony and slept in our Lord. Her Life particularly of late years was a continuall preparation for that hour, living for the most part retire'd in her Cell stricktly united to her dear Spouse. When she spoke of him she appeared enflamed with his love and tears of devotion did often fall from her Eyes. But as piety is not solid without obedience, so that virtue was in her Eminent: the voice and will of her Superiours was



her law. In small things as well as in great God prove'd her virtue by sending her great Suffrages which she bore with much Patience, yet wou'd she fast the days of obligation as she did the Eve of her Death, these and many other virtues gives us reason to beleive she enjoys the recompence of them, yet lest any humain frailty remains to be purify'd we humbly request your Suffrages & Prayers.

Requiescat In Pace.

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Dame Anna Catheina Thorold Daughter to Sir Robert Thorold Barronet of Heath in Lincolne sheere. Her mother was Mrs Catherin Knowles daughter to Sir Robert Knowles of Grove Park in Hamsheere. She was clothed on the 11 of February 1670 and profest the 15 of the same month, 1671 at 18 years of age. she dyed September the 7, 1707.

Dame Anna Catherina's bill.

Anno Domini 1707 the 7th of September in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontois dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the ever glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, of the Holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd strengthnd with all the Rights of Holy Church our beloued Sister Dame Anna Catherina Thorold in the 54 year of her age & 36 of profession, who of latter years had most perticularly applyd her selfe to fidelity to all Religious Dutys, and ever most zealous to undergoe all ordinary & weekly offices, in which she never refusd to supply any, even when her little health might have exemptd her; and as God had indud'd her with very good naturall parts so she serud God and Religion with them, & being of a peacable & Silent temper was esteemd and beloud by all, both at home & by externes, who came about the affairs. A long and violent sickness God sent her to try her, which she bore with much patience & Sillance & made her advantage of all to prepare for a happy death which she had to the edification of all. So it only remains that each one indeauour to imitate her vertues and offer Suffrages & prayers for the repose of her soule. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Mary Magdilin Warren Daughter to Arthur Warren esquire of Tharparnold in Lestersheere. Her mother was Mrs Catherin Rugley daughter to Sir Rowland Rugley of Dunton in Warwick sheere. She was Clothed the 11 of February 1670 and profest on the 15 of the same month 1671 at the age of 21. She dyed the 24 of October 1683.

Dame Mary Magdalens bill.

The 24 of October the yeare of our Lord 1683 in the English monastery of the holy order of St Benitt at Pontoise dedicated to the ever glorious Imaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, beeing armed with all the rightts of the holy Church departed out of this life our beloued sister Reverend Dame Mary Magdalen Warren the 36 yeare of her age and 12 of her profession who as she was endowed with most singuler gifts of nature so she imployed them with infatigable zeale to the greater glory of god and service of religion: her extreordinary talent of voice and instruments did equally excit all her hearers as well to devotion as admiration, but to our great lose she has quitted this terren quier to the end shee may take her place in that of the holly Angells: her excellent tranquility of mind and patience, as also her perfect Conformity to the will of god in a long and painfull infirmity gaue us no less edification then comfort: not doubting but that now she inioys the recompence of these vertues, but since that the judgments of god are inscrutable wee doe earnestly recommend her soule to your holy sacrificyes and prayers. Requiescat in pace.

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Dame Victoria Longaville daughter to Edward Longaville Knight Barronett of Wooluertoun in Warwicksheere. Her mother was Mrs Margaret Temple daughter to Sir Richard Temple Knight Barronett of Sto in Buckinghame sheere. She was clothed the 11 of February 1670 and profest the 15 of the same month 1671 at the age of 21. She dyed the 22 of February 1674.

Dame Victoria Longavilles bill.

Anno Domini 1674 the 22 of February, in the monastery of English Benedictin Dames of Grace Dieu, in the towne of Pontoise, dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of St Benedict, is hapily disceased this mortall life strenghned with the sacraments of the holy Catholick church, our beloved sister Dame Victoria Longaville, of her age the 26 and of her profession 3. Her conversion in the world to the catholick Faith was very extraordinary, and her vocation to Religion, not less efficatious. Living therein in great simplicity, innocency and sincer piety, her patience & resignation, proued by a long sickness, was very exemplar to all, but for feare there be yett any thing which may Retaine her from the glory of the just wee most humbly aske the charity of your holy sacrefyces and Prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Mary Winefred Philpott, born at Compton, Co. Hants. daughter to George Philpott esquire of Compton in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Winefrid Wells, daughter to Gilbert Wells Esquier of Brambridge, in Hampsheere. She was clothed October the 14 1670 and profest on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1671 at the age of 22. She dyed the 20th February 1737.

Anno Domini 1737 the 20<sup>th</sup> of February in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary Mother of God is happily Deceas'd Strengthen'd with the Holy Sacraments our beloved Sister in Christ Reverend Dame Mary Winefried Phyllpott in the 88<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 66<sup>th</sup> of Profession. The Divine Providence seem'd in a singular manner to have guard'd her against the dangers of the world in her youth, Inspired her with a solid vocation to Religion, & Provid'd the means. She was ever gratefull & served Allmighty God with Alacrity. In all things she propos'd the greater Glory of God & profitt of her Community. Out of the same motive she accept'd an obedience for beginning of a Monastery att Dublin, wherein she underwent most courageously many difficultys in journeys, and with no less zeal began there the observance of Regular Discipline, but the All Wise disposer of euey euent permitting unhappy troubles in the Government, frustrated that pious design. She submitt'd to her share of the Cross, in which as in all others she had recourse to the H: Sac: finding therein her comfort and new strength. She admired daily more & more the great goodness of God towards her, till in a venerable old age she departed in peace. But least any humane frailty shou'd detain her in the Purgeing fire, your prayers are request'd for her Soul. Requiescat in Pace.

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Dame Eugenia Greene daughter to Sir Edward Greene Knight Barronett of Essex at Sandford Hall. Her mother Mrs Anne Simmons daughter to Sir George Simmons of in Oxford sheere. She was clothed on the 13th of August in the yeare 1671. She was profest on the 18 of August 1672 at the age of 30. She dyed 15 November 1709.

Anno Domini 1709 the 15 of Nouember in this our monesteray of Grace Dieu dedicated to the Imaculate conception departed this Life our Dearly Belou'd Sister in Christ, Reverend D. Eugenia Green ag'd 73, of professsion 38. Allmighty god who had chosen her for his Spous, ordayn'd such changes in her family & fortune that uppon reflection of her former call to

Religion, She determin'd to quit the world, and being revested with the holy habit she made an Intire devorce not only with the world but with her Self, Supprest all naturell agreeable Secular witt, and strived to appear an humble tractable afable spirit, making herself to the conuersation of all. Her ambition was only to please God which made her so adicted to ordinary obseruance and dutys, so that she was Esteem'd a prop to Religion. This was the reason made her be requested to Settle our rule in Irland and Ipers. The first not succeeding, in the latter she was ordain'd Mistress of nouices, wher she Lay'd so solid a founation of vertu as will make her memory pretious. Returning home she resum'd former practises of humility self deniall. The Quire was her delight & frequenting the Blessed Sacrement, from whence she gather'd force & vigor, when those of nature fay'd, as in the two last years of her life when seiz'd with a palsie, yet assisted at all dutys to the last and comunicating with the rest uppon all sisters ov our order but soon oblig'd to take her bed, and her spirits being wasted 2 days after she gave up her happy soul; by the vertue of her Life and sweetnes of her death we may hope she Injoys that Bliss which never will end, yet we must not omitt our usuall Sufrages and prayers. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Christina Whyte, Daughter to Sir Andrew Whyte, Barronett of Whyte towne or Kilrush in the County of Limbrick. Her mother was Mrs Anastatia Walsh daughter to James Walsh Knight Barronett of the Litle Island in the County of Waterford in Irland.

She was clothed the 17 of February 1671, professed on the 23 of Aprill 1673 at the age of 20. She dyed the 16th of October 1683.

#### Dame Mary Christina's bill.

In the yeare of our Lord 1683 the 16 day of Octobre, at Ipres in the monastery of the euer imaculate virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict, beeing fortified with all the rights of the holy Church, deceased Reverend Dame Mary Christina Whitte in the 28 yeare of her age, the eleventh of her Profession in holy Religion. The singuler gifts nature had endowed her with all has made her death the more resented by that new English Collonie who had reposed great hops in her: because as well here as in her native Monastery of Pontoise she allways showed a great and feruorous deuotion towards God & sincere zeale of Religion and a Benigne Charity to all. Therefore

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beeing deprived of so great hope hartily Lamenting I can not but earnestly recommend her soule to eury ons holy prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Anne Neuill, Daughter to Hennery Neuille of Holt in Lestersheere, alias Smith, esquire of Christin Temple. Her mother was Mrs Ursula Clapton daughter to William Clapton of Clapton in Warwick sheere. She was clothed the 17 of May 1672 and profest the 15 of June 1613 at the age of 17. She dyed the 25th of sep: (1687).

#### Dame Anne Neuilles bill

In the yeare of our Lord 1687 the 25 of September in the towne of [...] att Milford hauen in Wailes their happily deceas'd our beloued Sister Dame Anne Neuille in the 31th yeare of her age & 14 of her profession. Her peacible and submissiue Spiritt, & exact compliance with Religious duty's as farr as health would permitt, made her be Judg'd fitt to be sent from hence to the new Establishment att Dublin, which obedience tho hard and contrary to her she receaued as from God him selfe & offerd her selfe as a sacrifice to his deuine will and that of obedience, which holocaust render'd her soe agreeable to her deuine spouse that by an accident, before she

arrived at her Journey's end, she by a happy death attained an immortal life, & the innocency & candor which ever appeared in all her actions makes us not doubt but that she now enjoys the privilege of following the Lamb but least there should yett any spott remaine, to be purify'd, we humbly recommend her soul to your holy prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Alexia Weston, daughter to John Weston Esquire of Sutton in Surrey. Her mother was daughter to Mr Coply esquire of Burnthall in Surrey. She was clothed the 17 of May 1672 & profest on the 15th of June 1673 at the age of 18. She dyed within the yeare after her profession on the 8 of May 1674.

Dame Alexia Westons bill.

Anno Domini 1674 the 8 of May in the monastery of English Religious of Grace Dieu, of the holy order of St Benedict, in the toune of Pontoise, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the ever Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of god, strengthened with the holy Sacraments ther is happily departed this Life our beloued sister Dame Alexia Weston in the 19th yeare of her age, & first of her profession. She was wise as the serpent and simple as the doue; innocent as the lamb, in her life & conuersation, sweetly angelicall, compleating much perfection in a short time, & consumeing the vigour of her naturall strength & youth, by the ardour of her loue to allmighty god and sincer piety, due esteem & compliance with her holy vocation & Religious vowes, so as we may now hope she sings the song of virgins & follows the Lamb; but because gods Judgments are secret least any thing remaine for the purging flame wee humbly beg your holy sacrifices and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

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Dame Mary Barnard Brooke daughter to Jhone Brooke esquire of Meadly in Shropesheere. Her mother was Mrs Elizabeth Guildford daughter to Edward Guildford Esquire of Hempsteede in Kent. She receaued the holy habit on the 26 of July 1674 and was profest August the 29 1675 at the age of 18. She dyed the 20 of Aprill 1714.

Anno Dornini 1714, the 20 of april, in this our Monestery of Grace Dieu of the holy order of St Benedict in Pontoise is haply deceas'd, strengthen'd by the rits of the church, our Dearly Belou'd Sister in Christ Dame Mary Bernard Brook ag'd 57 and of profession 39. She Contemn'd all obstacles to Compleat her Sacrifise. God was Liberall to her in gifts of grace and nature: he call'd her to his seruice when very young and Extreamply admir'd, notwithstanding many such oppositions she Embrac'd with courage a religieuse state. She had a quick sharp witt, ever cheerful, sweet and obliging, generous, Compassionate, ready to serue all, not consulting Inclination so that she may be term'd an Eye to the blind, a staff to the weak, assisting impartially wher euer requested to the extent of her strength. She had a fine voice, and most zealous for the Diuine Seruice. Her piety was perticularly devoted to the Sacred Passion. She Lou'd Spiritual discours, often repeating Liues of Saints, which exprest and interiour soul to god. Her last sickness was Long and Suffering, with great conformity to the Diuine will and receiu'd the holy Sacrement with all devotion and presentness of mind, answering to each prayer. But as gods Iudgments are secret, least any dross may remain unpurify'd, your Sacrifises & prayers are requested. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Anne Xaueria Gifford, Daughter to Hennery Gifford of Burst hall in Lestersheere Knight Barronett her mother was Mrs Joan Vaghan daughter to Benjamin Vaghan Esquire of Ruaden in Glostersheere. She receaued the holy habit the 2d of May 1675 and was profest the 13 of September 1676 at the age of 21. She dyed 11 February 1711.

Anno Domini 1711 the 11 of February, in this our Monestey of our holy order of St Benedict. of Grace Dieu, is happily deceas'd the Right Reverend Lady the Lady Anne Xaueria Gifford in the 57 of her age, 35 of profession. She Inclos'd in a little body an actiue spirit which, whilst in a priuate Life she Imploy'd to her own perfection, but when the prouidence of god had plac'd in her hand the pastoral staff, she delated her zeall to the generall good, showing an Uniuersall care to pleas god and her Community, being neuer easie when she suspected any to be dissatisfy'd. But as she was Compassionat of others she was rigorous to herself in all, but perticulerly in fasts and regular diet. Her charity was remarkable to the poor, lamenting her Incapacity to redress their necessitys, & few days befor she dy'd, shed tears for Joy for an almes procur'd for one in misery. But the all seeing Eye finding her fitter for the Conuersation of angles then that of mortalls took her by a short sickness to himself. She receiu'd the Sacrements with great presentnes of mind, answering to the prayers of the church. By the virtues of her Life and gouernment tho but of 11 months we haue

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caus to hope she now Inioys her Eternall recompence but that no duty may be wanting on our parts, your Sufrages and prayers are requested. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Maura Gifford, sister to D. Anne Xaueria Gifford by the same father & mother. She Receaude the holy habit on the 2d of may 1675 and was profest the 13 of September 1676 at 17 years of age. She dyed the 28th of August 1691.

#### Dame Maura Giffords bill.

Anno Domini 1691 the 28 of August in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontois dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God of the holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the rights of our holy Mother the Catholick Church, our belou'd Sister Dame Maura Gifford in the 34 yeare of her age & 17th of her Profession. Had her corporall health bin answerable to the zeal of her Religious spiritt none would have excell'd her in reguler obseruances, but God was pleas'd to giue her great & continuall sickness for 13 years, which she bore with an admirable conformity to Gods deuine will & interiour application, which rendered her a mirour of patient sufferance, cheerfullness & sweetness, in all her pains, nothing altering the interiour peace & suavity of her mind, nor hindering the aduantage she made of all her sufferance, to attaine an Eternity of glory, which is not to be question'd, but she now enioys, or at least will soon by the assistance of the holy Sacrifices & prayers which wee humbly request that this happy moment may not be retard'd.

Requiescatt in Pace.

Dame Dorothy Hammerton daughter to John Hammerton Esquire of Purston in Yorksheere, and of Mrs Dorothy Lockwoode daughter to Mr Richard Lockwoode of Soersbee in Yorksheere. She was clothed on the 2<sup>d</sup> of May 1675 and profest the 13 of September 1676 at the age of 20. She dyed the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1705.

Anno Domini 1705 the 14 of Aprill in this our monastery of Gracedieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy sacrements our dearly belou'd Sister in Christ dame Dorothy Hammerton in the 49 of her age and 28 of her profession. Allwayes suffring much by Continuall infirmitys yet euer peasable exact in all spirituall exerses tho generally in the infirmary, her thoughts were euer fix'd on God which renderd her so devout to the Blessed Sacrement, that she neuer omitted the ordinary dayes of Communion euen when very ill; and tho her last sicknes was long & tedious by reason of a dropsy, yet she was to the very last

employ'd in some work for others, & neuer lost time. Your prayers are requested for her speedy inioying of allmighty God for all Eternity. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Susan Flecher, daughter to Mr Richard Fletcher in Kent. Her mother was Mrs Mary Furs of Ashford in Kent. She was clothed the 2d of May 1675 and profest the 13 of September 1676 at the age of 27. She dyed the 18 of May 1689.

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Dame Mary Susan's bill.  
Jesus Maria Benedict.

In the yeare of our Lord 1689 the 18 of May at Dublin in Ireland, in the Monastery of the euer Imaculate wirgin Mary, of the holy order of St Benedict, being fortify'd with all the rights of the Holy Church, is happily deceas'd our belou'd Sister Dame Mary Susan Fletcher, in the 40 year of her age, and 13 of her profession, where of she spent 11 years in this our Community, with most exact & exemplar Regularity, being euer the first at all obseruances, she was soe strictly unit'd with Allmighty God, that his diuine presence was neuer from before her eyes, and she behel'd god in her Superiours, obaying them and theyr ordinations as gods immediate will. Charity and Suavity was soe eminent in all her proceedings, that the sweetnes and peace of her mind appear'd in her exterior. Solid humility loyn'd to all thes other uertues caus'd her to bee sent to that new plantation at Dublin, there to compleat her Crowne and where she dayly mett with occations of sufferance wherby soone she consummated that Sacrifyce which she had made of her selfe at her going from hence, and that hows being deprived of soe great a suport may well Lament both theyrs and our Loss in her, and tis but Iustice to Recommend her soule most earnestly to all your holy prayres.

Requiescat in pace.

Dame Mary Lawrance Lawson, daughter to Sir John Lawson Barronett of Brough in Yorksheere. Her Mother was Mrs Catherin Howard, daughter to Sir William Howard of Noard in Northumberland. She was clothed the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1676 and profest the 11th January 1677 at 20 years of age. She dyed the 25 Nov: 1729.

Anno Domini 1729 the 25th of November in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the Holy order of St Benedicte dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily Deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacrements our beloved Sister Dame Mary Laurence Lawson in the 71 year of her age & 51 of Profession. She was from her youth inclin'd to virtue, which to preserve she took a solemn leave of the world in an age when its most pleasing, & Dedicated herself to God where from the first Instant to the last moment she truely shew'd her Interiour application to God & her duty by her compos'd exterior & exactitude to Silence, which None ever heard her break. She was sent by obedience to Irland & lpres there to establish the perfection of Monasticall observance, in both places having given marks of her fervour & zeal, she return'd back to us & continued giving the same good example in the offices of Dean, Chantress & Thourie. Her Piety & devotion was ever great, being ever apply'd to prayer & devout aspirations in the midst of her common dutys, which holy custome Nourish'd in her soul a true love & value for the virtues of obedience & Poverty. After many years spent in these pious exercises & being try'd with many training Infirmitys, at last seiz'd with a violent feaver she consumated her sacrifice with a peace & tranquillity of mind that seem'd to prenosticate by advance the happiness she was going to enjoy, but as we mortals can't dive

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into what judgement passes above so we recommend her to your Suffrages & prayers.  
Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Mary Stanislaus Culcheth daughter to Thomas Culcheth esquire of Culcheth. Her mother was Mrs Anne Bradshaith, daughter to James Bradshaith of Haith esquire in Lanchisheere. She was clothed on the 10 of February 1676 and profest on the 27 of the same month 1677 at 21 years of age. She dyed the 4 of June 1704.

Dame Mary Stanislaus bill.

Anno Domini 1704 the 4 of June in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the immaculate Conception of the glorious virgin Mary mother of God, is happily deceas'd our Belou'd Sister in Christ, Dame Mary Stanislaus Culcheth in the 48 of her age & 28 of profession. She was a person of true solid & eminent perfection grounded on humility obedience & submission, pillars which can't faile. A spirituall building, humility and Contempt of herself appear'd by her neuer preferring herself before others nor seeking anything but Gods honor. She euer chose the worst both in cloths & dyet, her comportment in all employments such that our seruants in this hous & abroad were edify'd, & since her death express'd much esteeme & veneration for her. Obedience rull'd all her proceedings both to superiours whom she obey'd without reply & in all common obseruances, being one of the first but that which Crown'd her other vertues was her Loue to God, which made her laye aside all human respects when his honor was to be aduanced by her fidelity, to what religion requir'd of her. Charity to her naighbour renderd her euer ready to serue and speak well of all. She was ready to supply all comon dutys, and tho for some years suffer'd much infirmity yet neuer requir'd any dispensation or consideration but as superiours order'd, such was her silence in this that hardly could any perceau she sufferd. She was snatch'd from us without any warning of death, by apoplexy, which may Cause trouble in most, yet without incurring any. I may Compar her to one of the wise virgins who when she was summon'd to the nuptiall super needed not to borrow oyle of others; her lamp was euer ready & had been resplendent in this our Community from the time of her entrance into religion by her fidelity to her religious vocation, so that her works and actions were full of waight before Almighty God being exact to the last moment. When Obedience took her from officiating in the quire to be lay'd in the infirmary she submitted becaus superiours orderd it; I wish we may all imitate her vertues and be as ready to appear at the nuptiall super as she was, and as her last religious duty was the divine office so I question not but she's now praying God in the quier of virgins or will soon add to the number by the assistance of your holy prayers, which is requested.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Francisca Culcheth Sister to dame Mary Stanislaus by the same parents, clothed and profest the same day and year with her sister, at 20 years of age. She dyed the 27 of May 1717.

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Anno Domini 1717 in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our Dearly belove'd Sister Dame Francisca Culcheth in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 40<sup>th</sup> of Profession. She was ever very sickly yet her zeal & love of her State animated her strength thro' all the Dutys of Religion & no greater trouble cou'd she have than when oblig'd to accept of dispensations. She was Guardrobe 12 years, Portress six, & dyed Dean. In the first she was a most exact observer of holy Poverty, & when Portress they Poor found in her a kind Mother faithfull to the first tole

of the bell; when Dean she renew'd her self in the Practice of her State, & great'st consolation was to spend her spare moments in the Quire with her Divine Spouse, who, often importun'd by her desires of enjoying him, sent her a short sickness.. When in the midst of her discourse of the joys of heaven, she sweetly breath'd forth her pious soul, which comfortable end gives us all reason to believe she possesses what she so earnestly desir'd, yet least any humane frailty remains to be purify'd we request your Suffrages & Prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Mary Catherina Titchborne, daughter to Mr Henry Kempe of the hows of Slindon in Sussex, & of Mrs Anne Coope in Hampsheere. D. Titchborne was wife and widow to Mr Michell Titchborne of Shernill in Hampsheere. She was clothed the 12th of January 1677 and profest on the 16th the same month 1678 at the age of 59. She dyed the 20th of May 1689.

Dame Mary Catherin's bill.

Jesus Maria Benedict:

In the yeare of our Lord 1689, the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu at Pontoise, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary Mother of God of the holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd, strenthen'd with the holy Sacraments, our belou'd Sister, Dame Mary Catherine Tichborne, in the seauenti'th yeare of her age, and eleuenth of her profession. Before her coming to religion, being mari'd, she was an example to all, both by her singular piety, and dilligent care of the education of her Children, whom after that she had dispos'd of, she embrac'd a religious life in this our monastery, & was a pattern of regular obseruance and religious perfection. She had admirable prudence, still accompani'd with perfect submission to her superiours will. She was soe mild & charitable that she was ready to assist all, & neuer offended any, so much as in a word. She was constant in the seruice of god, and soe assiduous in his diuine prayes that she minded only god alone & notwithstanding she was called at the eleuenth hower, she did compleat much in a short space by feruour of spirit & constant application, soe that we may hope she now inioys an eternall reward. Yett the Judgements of god being secret, wee humbly request your holy sacrifice & prayers, that being purify'd from all spott she may enjoy god for all eternity.

Requiescat in pace.

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Dame Mary Carolla Selbee daughter to Sir George Selbee of Whight hows in the North. Her mother the Honorable Mrs Mary Mullonex daughter to the Lord Mullonex, Viscount of Crockstuth in Lanchisheere. She was clothed the 28 of February 1677 and profest the 3d of May 1678 at the age of 18.

Anno Domini 1721 the 3<sup>d</sup> of January in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily Deceas'd Strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our Dearly belove'd Sister Dame Mary Carola Selby in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age & of Profession 42. God call'd her in the flower of her youth to undertake his yoke, which voice of God she generously gave ear to, notwithstanding her naturall repugnances. Altho' very weak yet for severall years underwent the stricktness of the rule & most laborious employments & at last being unable to continue by much infirmity, she supply'd it by a great humility in esteeming herself as a useless member. Praise was death to her; her chief industry was to make herself appear void of virtues. Her compassion to any in distress was great as she shew'd by her love to the Poor whilst Portress. The fear of the jugements of God ever made her tremble at the thoughts of appearing at his



barr; but he whose goodness is ready to help those who serve him, sent her an encrease of sickness which confine'd her severall months to the Infirmary which she bore with much Patience, esteeming it little in comparison of what she deserved, & so by degrees God prepar'd her for her last hour, which she expected with much peace & quiet as did appear from the moment she received her Sacred viaticum which gives us hopes of her etemall joy, but as we mortals are Ignorant of what passes above so we humbly request your Suffrages & Prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Mary Anne Titchborne daughter to Sir Hennery Titchborne Knight Barronett of Titchborne in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Mary Arundell daughter to Mr Charles Arundell of Warder in wilsheere esquire. She was clothed on the 26 of July 1677 and profest the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1678 at the age of 17. She dyed 19th Sep: 1734.

Anno Domini 1734 the 19th of September. In this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, of the Holy order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, happily depart'd this life our Dear & belov'd Sister Reverend Mother Mary Anne Tichborne, in the 73d year of the Age & 56th of Profession, haveing been four times chosen Prioress. She took up the yoke of our Lord in her tender years in despite of her naturall difficultys, which much Allay'd the sweetness of it's burthen by a divine Providence to make her virtue more perfect, but she endow'd with a sold good judgement, assisted with grace & the light of Faith combatt'd to the end with resolution & confidence in God Almighty goodness, bearing besides sharp Infirmitys for many years in the spirit of pennance, learnt to practise humility when humane weakness offer'd an occasion. Her last sickness was Tedious & moveing compassion caus'd by an illness in the Throat that hinder'd her swallowing & depriv'd her of the Holy Comunion & Viaticum, but not of the benefitt of holy

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desires or extreme unction. Least any blemish remains to be still purify'd, your Suffrages & prayers are request'd for her Soul.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Augustina Bruning daughter to Edmund Bruning Esquire of Wimmering in Hampsheere. Her mother was Mrs Anne Winchcombe, daughter to Hennery Winchcombe esquire of Buckleberry in Barcksheere; she was clothed on the 13 of May 1677 and profest on the 12 of January 1679 at the age of 18. She dyed 12 Jan: 1741.

Strengthen'd with the Holy Sacraments In the 80th year of her age & 62 of Profession. A tender Devotion towards Almighty God & his Saints, especially to our Blessed Lady she was eminent in, as likewise a considerate Motherly heart, when Celleriar & Infirmary, studying the Community's Satisfaction, & never Spareing of her own time or pains. As Infirmitys & age came on she grew more strictly united to her Divine Spouse & employ'd daily severall hours before the Blessed Sacrament in acts of humility, compunction, resignation & Divine love. God Almighty reward'd her Pious Practises in a Speciall Manner att her Death, being freed from those apprehensions that the thoughts of the Divine justice were us'd to cause. She linger'd severall years under an Universall decay of nature, & a fever att last consum'd her weak body, & she depart'd without Agony, for the Repose of whose Soul your Suffrages & prayers are humbly request'd.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Elizabeth Joseph Widdrington Daughter to the lord Widdrington Barronn of Blanckney in Lincolnshire. Her mother was Mrs Elizabeth Barty daughter to Sir Perrigreen Barty

of Euedon in Lincoln sheere. She was clothed 1679 on the 4th of May, and profest the 28 of January 1680 at the age of 21. She dyed 9th November 1730.

Anno Domini 1730 the 9th of November in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu In Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily Deceas'd strengthen'd with the Sacraments of Holy Church The Honourable & Right Reverend Lady, The Lady Elizabeth Joseph Widdrington 7th Abbess of this monastery in the 71 year of her age, 51 of Profession & 20th of Prelature. She was one of the Daughters of the Right Honourable Lord Widdrington who with his lady her mother, being converted to the Romaine Catholic Faith neglect'd not the Instruction of their Children in the same, which was no sooner effect'd in this our Illustrious Lady but her whole bent was to consecrate herself to Almighty God tho' as yett Ignorant of a Religious Life, The light of Faith did so Inflamm her heart that she generously despis'd all difficultys to comply with this 2d vocation, & when she had happily compas'd her Pious desires & saw herself enroll'd among the children of glorious St Benedict. Her whole study was to become deserving thereof, by a constant & exact practice of our holy Rule in most laborious employments till it pleas'd God to distinguish her again in the unanimous choice of the Community to make her their Mother & Guide, the which chang'd not her truely humble sentiments, nor Pious practices, in so much as never to be more offend'd than when she was respect'd & honor'd as she deserv'd. Her zeal for the Quire & other

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Regular observances were so great & perseverant, that tho' her latter years became very Infirm, she dissemble'd a great part of her Indispositions, & was rarely absent from Quire or Refectory, being most Indulgent to others. Her affability, goodness & Piety, gain'd her love & esteem both at home & abroad, & made her Death lament'd by all, especially her Religious Children who not to be wanting in any duty justly due to her memory humbly requests your Suffrages & prayers for the Eternall Repose of her Soul. Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Apolonia Belasyse daughter to Sir Rowland Belasyse of Smithils in Lancasheere Knight of the Bath and second brother to the now Viscount Faulkenbridge and to succede him both in the title and his estate. Her mother was Mrs Anne Dauenport, daughter & heir of James Dauenport of Sutton in Chesshire Esquire. She was clothed on the 22 of July 1680 and profest the 15 of October 1681 at the age of 17. She dyed the 14 August 1741.

Strengthen'd with the Holy Sacraments in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 60<sup>th</sup> of Profession. The all wise dispenser of Nature & Grace distributs his gifts in an admirable manner as is daily seen, & may be particularly remark'd with regard to this our Reverend deceas'd, whose Sisterly charity was Ingenious in finding out ways to be usefull to all without exception, either by her work or pen, tho' of a Sickly constitution from her youth which exempt'd her from more austere dutys. She had a fine voice, & was the Support of the quire the last 30 years of her life, sung clear & well att high Mass but a fortnight before her departure as Infirmitys render'd her unfitt for active employments she was always retyr'd as well in mind as body & by frequent aspirations att her work, by reading & meditation began on Earth the happy Union Death only leads too, but least any human frailty remain to be cancell'd your Suffrages & prayers are request'd for her Soul.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Vrsula Hammerton daughter to John Hammerton Esquire of Purston in Yorksheere; and of Mrs Dorothy Lockwoode daughter to Mr Richard Lockwood of Soersbee

in the North. She was clothed the 13 of January 1679 and profest the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1681 at the age of 21. She dyed the 25 of August 1691.

Dame Vrsula Hammertons bill.

Anno Domini 1691 the 25 of August in the English monastery of our holy order, att Chant la Louet, in Paris, most happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy sacraments our belou'd Sister Dame Vrsula Hammerton in the 31 yeare of her age & 10 of her Profession. She was sent thither by obedience for recouery of a Dropsy, & plac'd ther by the Right Honourable the Lord Abbott Corker, her neer relation. From her first entrance into Religion she was most reguler & exact in complying with all Religious dutys, euen when her infirmity might justly haue exempted her from them; her zeall in continually assisting att the Quire & deuine seruice render'd her pleasing to God, & of much aduantage to this Community ther euer appear'd in all

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her proceeding, much sweetness & Charity; & in the 3 last yeares of her life, euen to her expyering, soe great cheerfullness in her sufferings which were to an extremity Joyn'd to a perfect conformity to Gods will; that she gaue soe much edification to all thos good Religious who indefatigably had tended her for 7 weeks that they esteem'd her a saint & themselues happy to haue her dye amongst them. Gods Judgments being inscrutable, & least any blemish remaine unpurify'd we humbly request your holy prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Constancia Hennage Daughter to George Hennage of Heanton in Lincolnsheere Esquire. Her mother was Mrs Faith Tirwit, daughter to Sir Philip Tirwit of Stainfield Knight Baronett. She was Cloathed on the 2d of July 1682, profess'd on the 11 of June 1684 at 25 yeares of age. She dy'd the 22 of May 1717.

Anno Domini 1717 the 20th of May in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our dearly beloved Sister Dame Constancia Heneage in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 33 of Profession. She quitted the world in the midst of its smiles & courtships, & she full of attractives to draw its love & esteem, yet faithfull to Gods Call she enter'd into Religion & apply'd herself to the Practise of it with fidelity esteem & Religious simplicity; she was endow'd with rare Talents, which made her company loved & saught for by all, she was very charitable ever giving a good turn to what might bear it. God visited her for many yeares with great rhumatise pains which all most depriv'd her of the use of her hands. She bore this & many other Infirmitys without the least complaint making little of what she felt for notwithstanding her great sufferance she was constant at Quier & frequently reader. These & many other virtues too numerous to write render'd her fitt to enjoy her Spouse who sent her a short redoublement of sickness in which she departed this life with that same equality that appear'd in all her actions & comfort'd those who were afflict'd for her, but least any imperfection may retard her nuptialls we humbly request your Suffrages & Prayers.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Mary Petre Daughter to John Petre Esquire of Fithelres. Her mother was Mrs Mary Mannocke Daughter to Sir Francis Mannocke knight barronet of Giffords hall in Suffolke. Dame Mary was clothed the 10 of September 1682 & profest June the 11 1684 at the age of 21. She dyed 24th Nov: 1733.

Anno Domini 1733, the 24th November in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the Rittes of holy Church, our belov'd sister Reverend Dame Mary Petre in the 70th year of her age & 49<sup>th</sup> of Profession. Her cheerful Piety & Sweet Temper, join'd with an Innocent candor gain'd her much affection, endowments she cou'd not but Inherit from her Pious Parents The worthy Fruit of such a Stock, her Father Mr Petre of Fitherlers as soon as a widdower

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Renouncing to all other worldly enjoyments & to his Estate, embraced the Cross of Christ In the holy Society of Jesus, where his humility kept him from aspireing higher than to the estate of a Lay Brother in which he lived & dyed in the odour of Sanctity. Dear Dame Petre rendered her Latter years most edifying by a Silent Suffering of Rheumatick pains & other Monitors of our Natures Mortality, that she wisely, improved by not to be found unprepar'd att her Celestiall Spouses call, persevering to her last sickness which was not long, In an exact observance of Regular duty's especially the Quire. Her Peace of mind att her death & Filial confidence In gods mercys gives cause to hope she is not confounded in her expectation, which to secure her the more, your Suffrages & prayers are requested.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Justina Greene Daughter to Sir Edward Greene of Sandford Hall in Essex Baronett. Her mother was Mrs Francis Pegg daughter to Mr Pegg of Bradley in Shropshire. She was cloath'd the 30th of June 1686 & profes'd the 25 of January 1687/8 at 21 of age. She dyed the 1st of June 1717.

Anno Domini 1717 the 1st of June in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily Deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments Our Dearly beloved Sister Dame Justina Green in the 50th year of her age & 29th of Profession. She took up the yoke of our Lord in her youth wher her naturall inclinations cary'd her to the love of the world but she gave no ear to its charming allurements but following the call of her Lord & Master, in whose service being once enroll'd she faithfully comply'd with all its engagements, & was a pillar of all religious observances, when even her many sufferances might justly dispence'd her. She was charitable to all, excusing each ones defects being ready to serve & oblige all. She was eminent in silent suffering. Whilst Sacristine she was laborious & served our Lord with love & devotion; after 6 years in it employ'd she was made Guardrobe in which time she was seas'd upon by a short sickness in which she rest'd in our Lord, we humbly request for her your suffrages & prayers.

Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Anne Bodenham daughter to Thomas Bodenham of Rotherhouse Esquire. Her mother was Mrs Catherine Guildeford daughter to Edward Guildeford, Esquire of Hemstead in Kent. She was cloth'd on the 19 of February 1688, profest on the 9 of December 1689, at 23 years of age. She was the last that made her holy vowes and profession vnder the Gouvernement of the Honourable the Lady Anne Neuille. She dy'd this 6th of June 1717.

Anno Domini 1717 the 6th of June in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our dearly beloved Sister Dame Ann Bodenham in the 52th year of her age & 29th of Profession. God visit'd her

from her entrance into Religion with great sufferances, joyn'd to a little tender body but his goodness

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gave her with it a generous & couragous spirit which cary'd her thro' all the practice of a religious state with exactness she accounted all she did as nothing, and nothing troubled her more than praise. She ever took the part of the absent & gave a charitable interpretation to the defects of her neighbour. She exercis'd the office of Guardrobe with much regard to Poverty. Her many virtues made her be ellect'd Infirmarian which she accept'd with much reluctance. God was pleas'd to take severall of the Community to himself; she tend'd them with a Motherly & Charitable care, but her greatest solicitude was to have them receive their Sacraments in time. God seeing her charity fitt for its recompence sent her the same sickness; finding herself attack'd she desir'd her Confessor & Sacraments, to make them first secure, after which she care'd not what was done to her body perfectly resign'd to Gods Will, she suffer'd violently but with a courage above expression. Her only fear was of losing patience, but after 4 days she depart'd peacefully to our Lord, yet as Gods jugements are different to ours, we humbly request your charitable prayers & suffrages for her speedy enjoyment of her celestiall spouse. Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Hennereta Pound, daughter to Henry Pound Esquire of Bemons in Hampsheere. her mother was Mrs Dorothy Warren, daughter to Arthur Warren Esquire of Tharparnold in Lestersheere. She was Cloth'd on the 19 of February 1688, with Dame Anne Bodenham and profes't on the 21 of February 1690 at 23/1 years of age. She dy'd the 13 April 1745.

Anno Domini 1745 the 13th of April in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, of the holy order of St Benedict dedicat'd to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed V: Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our belov'd Sister in Christ Reverend Dame Heneretta Pound in the 79th year of her age & 55th of Profession. Nature & grace had been liberall to her & she faithfully correspond'd with both, overcame many difficultys that opposed her Profession, by her Prudence & ingenuity, or rather, as she said herself, the secret ressorts of Divine Providence, to which she was greatly devot'd. She had a Noble Heart & generous mind, was respectfull & Submissive to Superiours, preventingly civil & charitable to all, & took a pleasure to give assistance to every Neighbor without exception. She suffer'd all her [life] with rheumatisms to which in her latters years was add'd the Stone, but she had learn't betimes to make Sacrifice of all temporall afflictions att the Foot of the Holy Cross, & with edifying Patience & chearfull equall temper expect'd for some months her last moment with filliall confidence in the mercys of God & merits of her Redeemer. Lest any humane frailtys shou'd retard her enjoiment of Eternall Bliss your Suffrages & prayers are request'd for her soul. Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Mary Magdalaine Bellasyse, daughter to Sir Rowland Bellasyse of Smithels in Lancasheere and only sister of Dame Apolonia Bellasye both by father and mother. She was cloth'd on the 1st of February 1689, and profes't on the 21st of February 1690 at the age of 19. She dyed the 2nd February 1742.

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Fortify'd with the Holy Sacraments, in the 71 year of her age & 52 of Profession & actually Prioress. Worth & piety were the endowments of her mind. She greatly depend'd on Superiours, & readily prevent'd all others with honour, according to our holy Rule. She was active & had perform'd Severall employments with Industrious pains, & to the last was exact to

acknowledge & make satisfaction for the least fault, which gave proof of her humility, & esteem, of the practices of Religion. A decay of Nature with a fever of nine or 10 days depriv'd us of our worthy Mother Prioress to the Community's great affliction, tho' she was entirely conform'd to the Divine Will, & desir'd the last Sacraments might not be deferr'd too long, which she receiv'd with great presentness of mind & devotion.

That her enjoyment of the Beatificall Vision may not be retard'd by the blemishes of human frailtys, your Suffrages & prayers are request'd for her Soul. Requiescat In Pace.

Dame Ignatia Fitz James naturall daughter to our present soueraigne, King James the 2nd. Her mother was Mrs Arabella Churchill, Daughter to Sir Winston Churchill of..... Mrs Churchills mother was daughter to Sir Jhon Drake of Ashe in Deuonsheer, who was knight'd by King Charles the 2nd, Anno 1660. She was cloath'd the 16 of Aprill 1689, & was profest the 30th of Aprill, 1690, at 16 years of age, the February before. She dyed the 7th of November 1704.

Anno Dominij 1704 the 7 of Nouember in this our Monastery of Gracedieu, in Pontoise, of the holy order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Glorious virgin Mary, Mother of God, is most happily deceas'd, strengthen'd with the Sacrements of holy Church our belov'd Sister in Christ, Reverend Dame Ignatia Fitz James in the 3d year of her age, and 15th of profession. She was euer Pious, and the fear of God rul'd all her actions, sickness and infirmity, grew up with her which was a great hinderance to her zeale in all comon obseruances, her religious Comportment at Grates and with Seculars was euer of edification. Her Last sickness of 8 months, sharp sufferance which she sustained with much patiance and Conformitie to Gods deuine will, which was a great comfort to all, as was her serious preparation for death, which she long expected with much Cherfullness & Equality, which amongst her other vertues which she could not but inherit from our holy King James the 2nd whos naturall daughter she was. Yet she valued her vocation aboue all the titles the world could giue, which I question not but adds to her Eternall happynes which that may be hasten'd, your suffrages and prayers are requested. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Benedict Fitzroy, naturall daughter to our latt soueraigne King Charles the 2nd. Her mother was the Dutchess of Cleavland, daughter to Lord Viscount Grandison; her Mother was Lord Baynings daughter. She was cloath'd the 22 of Nouember 1689, & profess'd the 2nd of Aprill 1691, at 18 years of age the 16 of the June before.

In the year 1720, she was by the Duke of Bouillons nomination made Prioress of the Royall Priory of St Nicolas at Pontoise, and went from our Monastery on the 27 of Aug: 1721.

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She govern'd that house 15 years, allways giveing proofs of her Piety & tender affection for her Community, and was much regrett'd at her Death, which was on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1737, being fortified with all the last Sacraments of holy Church. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Cecilia Stanihurst Daughter to Henry Stanihurst Esquire of Codoff in Irland; her mother was Mrs Henereeretta Maria Van Coulster, Daughter to Sir Joseph Van Coulster Baronett of Coulster in Germany, She was cloath'd the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1693 & profes'd the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1694 being 24 years of age the 26 of the following September. She diy'd the 4<sup>th</sup> Decem: 1746.

Anno Domini 1746 the 4<sup>th</sup> of December in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicat'd to the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily Deceas'd strengthen'd with the Sacraments of Holy Church our belov'd Sister in Christ Reverend Mother Cecilia Stannyhurst m the 74<sup>th</sup> year of her age & 53<sup>rd</sup> of

Profession. Her solid virtue & zealous Practice of every the least Religious observance made her as a Pillar of Regularity to Sustaine Ancient Discipline & good Customes, & a Safe Pattern to her Subjects whilst Prioress & Mistress of Novices, as a Mother to the Poor when Portress, spareing neither her steps, entreaty or time to procure their relief. She had a great talent for Musick with a delicate hand on the organ & by the genius of her Composition repaired the naturall defect of her Sight. As her age advanced Infirmity came upon her which she bore with a Silent conformity to the Divine Will, & made her advantage of all for the encrease of humility. An Apoplexy & Palsy seiz'd her on one side yett she retain'd perfect sence to have allway's her last moment in view till she fell into a Lethargy the 4<sup>th</sup> day of her sickness. Tho' her life & conversation was Innocent & edifying, yett least the great Searcher of hearts who judges justices shou'd find some blemishes of humane weakness, your suffrages and prayers are request'd for her Soul. Requiescat in pace.

Dame Agnes Arthur, daughter to sir Daniel Arthur of [...] in Ireland; her mother was mrs Catherin Smith of Crabett in Sussex. She was cloath'd the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1698 & profess'd the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1700 at the age of 19 the following July. She dy'd the 7<sup>th</sup> nov. 1752.

Anno Domini 1752 November the 7<sup>th</sup> in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holly order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Immaculat Conception of the Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceased, strengthend with the holy sacrements of the Church, our Beloued sister in Christ. Reverend Dame Agness Arthur, in the 71 year of age, and 52 of profeshion. [She] was a most exact Religious, and a greate lover of poverty, & Obedience, never doing the least minute thing without leave & aproved by her Superiour. A constant Qevistor, God blest her with a great ardour of soule. She had bine Daine, Chantres, Portres, Depositaire, which she discharged with exactitude, zeale, edification, to all aboard & within. Wee doubt not but that she enjoyes the rewarde of her pious works or soone will,

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least any human frayeltheys remaine to be purified wee earnestly request your suffrages and Prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Dame Ana Maria Constable, Daughter to Mr Jhon Constable of [...] in Linconsheere; her mother was Mrs Ilisabeth Harpor of [...] She was cloath'd this 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1698, and profes'd the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1700 at 18 years of age the March before.

Anno Domini 1756 July the 26<sup>th</sup> in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the Holly order of St Benedict, dedicated to the Imaculat Conception of the Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceased our beloved sister in Christe, Reverend Dame Anna Maria Constable, in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of age, & in the 57 year of profeshtion. She had bine blind abouve 40 years but was euer moste Charitable & willing to help all, soe she never was Idle, was tourier & portress, and chapline 23 years, her blindness Increasing & being deafe & troubled with guidinesses which infirmities confined her in a manner the last 3 years of her life to the Infarmary, which she bore with much patience, & submission to Gods divine will. She communicated upon Sundaye as for her Viaticum, upon Munday she was employed in a work of charity, was seised with an apoplex, never spoke nor gave any saigne of sense more, she received, her Extrem untion tho suden & surpriseing wee have all reason to hope not unprovided. The Saturdaye before she tolde me she was in a continuaile preparation for this last somens when ever God pleased to call her wee have reason to hope she allready, or so one will enjoy, the embracess of her heavenly spouse, Least any human frayltyes remaines to be purified, your suffrages, and prayers are requested for her soul. Requiescat in Pace.

Acte de l'enterrernent de Madame la Duchesse de Berwick.

L'an de grace mil six cent quatre ving dix huit, cejourd'hui vingt cinquieme de fevrier, a été inhumée dans la chapelle de l'église de l'Abaije des Dames Benedictines Angloises; tres haute, tres puissante, et tres vertueuse Princesse Honorée Burgh, Duchesse de Berwick, decedée a Perenas en Languedoc, le seize Janvier de cette ditte année, munie des sacremens de Penitence de l'Eucharistie, et de l'extremonction: et transferée dans cette ditte Abbaije, ou elle avoit choisi en mourant sa sepulture; le vingt quatre du dit mois de fevrier, par Messire Vincent Francois Des Marets Pretre Licencié en droit canon Grand Vicaire, et official de Pontoise, et du Vexin le francois, et Superieur de la ditte Abaije; en presence de Monseigneur L'Archevêque d' Armagh, Primat D'Irlande, de tres haut, tres puissant, et tres excellent Prince Milord Due D'Albermall, Chevalier de l'Ordre de la jarterie, et chef D'escadre des armées navales de sa majesté tres chrétienne, de milord Perth Comte et Pair d'Ecosse, Chevalier de l'Ordre de la jartiere, Gouverneur de son Altesse royale Monseigneur le Prince de Galles, de milord Melford, Comte et Pair d'Ecosse, Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Jartiere, de milord Galway, Comte et pair d'Irlande, de milord Waldegrave,

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Baron, Pair d'Angleterre, de milord Montlinster, Baron et pair d'Irlande, de milord Forth fils de milord Melford, et de milord de Brittas Baron et Pair d'Irlande, et d'un grand nombre de seigneurs et dames de la Cour D'Angleterre, en foy de quoi ant sign<sup>130</sup> le dit Sieur Des Marets, le Sieur Laurens Breers, Pere Confesseur de la ditte Abaije et de Sieur Louis du Val Pretre Bachelier de Sorbonne, et Cur<sup>130</sup> de Notre Dame de cette ville de Pontoise.

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Sister Agnes Pickering.

Sister Agnes Pickerings bill.

Sister Agnes Pickering was sent from Gant a convers sister, to serve the monastery of Bulloigne in theyr first founding. She was a person of exemplar life and vertue, a soule truly united with Almighty god, and yett not less applyed to the faithfull discharg of her exterior dutys offices and Employments, in which she Laboured with a most Constant zeale and devotion, beloved & Esteem'd by all for her Religious, Respectiue humble way of behaviour, yet so truly charitable and zealous of the common good as she would not fayle to speake freely after a Religious manner as occations might require. She made her profession at Gant, and now in the yeare of our Lord 1666 she beeing 55 years of age after a short sickness, she ended her Life hollyly and hapily on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of November, for whos soules rest, wee humbly crave your holy suffrages & prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

The days of clothing and profession of the Conuers Sisters with the days of clothing and profession of the Conuers Sisters with that of theyre death

Sister Joseph Bolney Daughter to Francis Bolney Esquire of Colney in Sussex; her mother was Mrs Susan Hyde daughter to Francis Hyde esquire of Pangborn in Barksheere. Sister Mary Joseph was clothed on the 30 of July 1654 and profest on the 10th of August the yeare following 1655 at the age of 38. She dyed the 23 of January 1691.

Sister Mary Joseph Bolneys bill.

Jesus Maria Benedict.

In the yeare of our Lord 1691 the 23 of January in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicat'd to the immaculate Conception of the euer Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of god of the holy order of our Blessed father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd, strengthn'd with the Sacraments of our holy mother the Catholick Church our belou'd Sister, sister Mary Joseph Bolney, Conuers Sister, at 74 years of age, & 35 and 5<sup>th</sup> month of her profession, she being the



first that entred and made profession after the establishment of this our Monastery at Bouillon, and was chosen by diuine prouidence to lay a solid foundation of all vertues, most conforme to her holy state and vocation, she was well borne, and it euer appear'd by an exterior humility so suitable to her profession, rendering to everyone the respect which was due, she was a faithfull labourer in the vineyard of our Lord, hauing to the last undergon the austerities & labours

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which her state requir'd, & this with a most assiduous application & fidelity to god & this community, seeking gods honner & glory in all her actions, euer admiring his goodness, and owning her owne unworthyness. She was of a most Innocent life, & made her aduantage of all occations to aduance in the perfection of her holy state and vocation which she Intierly lou'd and esteem'd. Her last sickness was but of 3 days, yet her preparation for death most feruorous & conformity to gods diuine will, & patient suffering such; as render'd her death pretious in the sight of our Lord, so as we dout not, but she now inioys the reward due to the faithfull servant, in the Gospel, yet the Judgments of god being inscrutable we humbly recommend the repos of her soule to your sacrifices & prayrs. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Susan Bolney had for Parents the same father & mother with Sister Mary Bolney. She was clothed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1659; she was protest on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1660 at the age of 42. She dyed the 12 of Aprill 1694.

In the yeare of our lord 1694, the 12 of Aprill in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicat'd to the immaculate conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of our Blessed Father St Benedicte, is happily deaseas'd, strengthen'd with the sacrements of our holly mother the catholike church, our belou'd sister, Sister Susan Bolney conuers, aged 77 & 35 of profession. She was owne sister to Sister Mary Joseph Bolney & not lesse eminent in all vertues, especially humility haueing a mean oppinion of her self, esteemeing her self vncapable of all and an ill labourer, & when infirmity and age had render'd her vnfit, her zeale gaue her continual employment, assisting in all things, as fare as her strength permitt'd, with much charity and submision, euen to her iuniours, there euer ajeas'd, in all her proceedings, much prudence, affability, peace, and sillence, with a profound respect, to her superiours and aintients. She was exemplar in all regular disciplin, and severall years had the hower of death euer in mind, disposing her self therunto, by fidelity to all religious dutys, her zeale inclining her to more, then her health could allow, which when Superiours order'd otherwis, she submitt'd her self, with much simplicity, and humility, which was most agreable to allmighty god, and a sacrefice which is sufficient to expiate many faillings, which ioyn'd with your holly prayers and deuotions, will obtaine the repos of her soule, which wee earnestly request.

Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Anne Solloman daughter to Mr William Solloman Justice of peace in Lincolne; her mother was Mrs Margaret Clodde Daughter to Mr Clodde of Saxelbee, in Lincolnesheere. Sister Anne Soloman recaude the holy habit of Religion on, the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1659, and profest on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Jan: 1660 at the age of 22. She dyed 25 of March 1708.

Sister Anne Sollomans bill.

Anno Domini 1708 the 25 of March, in this our Monastery dedicat'd to the immaculate conception of the glorious virgin Mary

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of the holy order of St Benedict of Grace Dieu, happily deceas'd our belou'd Sister. Sister Anne Solloman conuers, aged 70 of profession 49, was as great a loss to us as anyone God has call'd

from us, who tho her age & many years great infirmitys had render'd incapable of labours, yet her constant application from her entrance into religion, & zeal to serue the Community was of great example to all thos of her state. Her last sickness was only of 7 days, yet she was so present to her selfe that as soon as danger apear'd, she request'd the holy Sacraments, & Receau'd them with much devotion & dy'd disingag'd from consernes. And what providence sent her of monys, she with leaue spent it for her health or for necessarys & what she had at her death, left it to Superiours disposall, not mentioning one Mass to be said for her which shew'd her great esteem of poverty & confidence in Superiours your prayers are desir'd for the repose of her soule.

Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Mary Hardwick daughter to Mr William Hardwick in Yorksheeres; her mother was Mrs Hellen Hunter Daughter to Mr Antony Hunter of Marises in Pincherne life in yorksheere. Sister Mary Hardwick receau'd the holy habit on the 11 of January in the yeare 1661. She was profest Aprill 12, 1662 at the age of 32. She dyed the 22 of December 1684.

Anno Domini 1684 the 22 of December, in this our monastery dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the euer glorious virgin Mary of the holy order of St Benedict of Grace Dieu, happily deceased our beloued sister, Sister Maria Hardwick Conuers aged 54 and of profession 24, strengthend with the Rights of our holy mother the Church, piously deceased in our Lord, whose life was to us a continuall example of deuotion, abstinence, austerity of life, loyning with her labours recollection and application of mind, regularly exemplar in the obseruance of our holy rule euen to death, practising in her sickness the solide vertues of humillity. A fearer of the diuine Iustice, and not lesse confiding in his mercys by frequent acts of loue, resignation, and desire to bee with god in which shee breathed forth her happy soule but least humain frailty should retard her enjoying celestiall felicity, we humbly recommend her to your holy sacrifices and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Margaret Rishton, daughter to Mr William Rishton of Panty in Lanchisheere; her mother was Mrs Dorothy Anderton, daughter to Heugh esquire Anderton of Exton in Lanchisheere, Sister Margaret receau'd the holy habit on the 13 of Aprill in the yeare 1662. and was profest on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1663 at the age of 26. She dyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1694.

Anno Domini 1694, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, in this our monastery of Grace Dieu, in Pontoise, dedicat'd to the immaculate conception of the Blessed virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of our Blessed Father St Benedict, is happily deceas'd, strengthen'd with the sacraments of our holy mother the church, our beloued sister Sister Margaret Rishton, conuerse at the age of 57, and 31 of profession her call to religion, was to be of the quier, and had fitt qualitys for it, and

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might in seuerall places have bine receau'd as such being of a good family but deuine prouidence, disposing otherwis, she conform'd to embrace that state, which render'd her a most exemplar religious, by a true fidelity from the first to all that holy religion oblig'd her to, haueing bine a great labourer in this communaity for about 20 years, in all the hardest imployments, which she discharge'd, both to the aduantage of the communaity & increase of vertu in her owne practis, as when infirmity had constrain'd her to the infirmery seuerall years, she then became truly spirituall by mortification & overcoming her self in all occations & had so great an estime of that, when she was able to doe, she desier'd it might be ordain'd her by Superieurs as her obedience. She dispos'd her self for death, with much deuotion & express'd euen to the last a great sence of gods goodness to her & the vanity of all things of this life,

which giues us hopes her injoying god for all eternity will not be retard'd, for that end wee request your suffrages and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Frances Rishton was born of the same parents as Sister Margaret and was clothed & profest the same day and in the same yeare at the age of 17. She dyed the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1700.

Anno Domini 1700 the 18<sup>th</sup> of March in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the euer glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God of the Order of our holy father St Benedict is most hapily deceass'd of three daise sickness strengthen'd with the holy Oylss, our belou'd sister, Sister Frances Rishton Conuers in the 58 yeare of her age & 37 of profession. Her esteeme of her state & vocation apeer'd in all her actions, performing them in the perfectest maner, being exact in all regularity & religious dutys neuer relaxed from her first feruour, euen the morning she fell ill, which was about 8 o'clock. She had rung the rising bell cau'd all & had don all her spirituall exercises for that day, & being about her usual obedience in the Refectory, was seis'd with an appoplexy, dead palsy & conuulsions, which tho surprising and sudden & took in a maner from her all sence & speech, yet by what signes she was capable of, we ware assur'd she was in a fitt disposition for death, and that as a wise virgin her lamp was prepar'd, & ready to meet her heauenly spows which that she may jnioy him for eternity your prayers & suffrages are requested. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Elizabeth Eure, daughter to Mr Thomas Eure of Botsworth in Lincoln sheere, her mother was Mrs Grace Knightsmith of the Citty of Lincolne. She receaude the holy habit on the 13 of June in the yeare 1663. She made her holy profession the 20<sup>th</sup> of August Anno Domini 1664. She dyed July the 22 1718.

Anno Domini 1718 the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our Dearly beloved Sister in Christ Sister Elizabeth Eure in the 90th year of her age & 54<sup>th</sup> of her Profession. She was from her entrance into Religion

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very Laborious & made it her business to Serve each particular with respect & charity. She had a great contempt of herself & very humble, & when she had comitt'd any fault she never was at rest till she had made satisfaction. If she had chanced to offend any she wou'd seek them (even when lame) to begg their pardon which she wou'd ask in the most humbling terms. Her fear of God was great & her obedience exact, which made her not doe the least action without the blessing & good will of her Superiours. She was so habituated in these vertues that tho' for a considerable time by age & infirmity she had her jugernent weaken'd yet her practice of them was still the same so that the approches of death did not surprise her but open'd the way to the recompence we have all reason to believe she enjoys but as God juges different from us mortalls so we recommend her soul to your holy suffrages & Prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Magdilin Swift daughter to Mr Hennery Swift of Mackborrough in Deuonsheere; her mother was Mrs Margaret Lismore daughter to Mr Lismore in Deuonsheere. Sister Magdelin receaude the holy habit on the 14th of January 1665 and profest on the 2nd of March 1666. at the age of 32. She dyed the 3d of Aprill 1694.

Anno Domini 1694 the 3<sup>d</sup> of Aprill in this our monastery of English Benedictine dames of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicated to the Imaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary mother of god, is happily deceas'd our Belou'd sister Sister Magdalen Swift, conuers att the age

of 60, and 29 of profession. From her entrance into religion she was but sickly, yet had a great esteem of her holy Vocation & as farre as health permit'd, was exact in all religious dutys, supplying by her charity and respect, to each on, what her infirmity render'd her incapable of, her obedience for many years, was to assist in the infirmary, wher each on[e] experienc'd her diligence & care, & with such ciuility, and consideration, that all were satisfi'd, with what she did for them, and no question, but she did obserue what our holy father ordains, that seruice be done vnto the sick as vnto Christ himself. She beholding him in her neighbour, seru'd all with a religious respect and tendernes. She euer had a filiall loue to God, & fear of offending him, which render'd her pleasing to her deuine Spous, yet least any blemish remaine, to be purify'd wee humbly request your holly prayers, for her Soul; Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Martha Hardwick was sister to and born of the same parents that Sister Maria was. She recead the holy habit of Religion on the 15 of December in the year of our Lord 1665, and was profest the same month on the 15<sup>th</sup> in the yeare 1666 her age was then 19: she dyed the 26 of March 1703.

Anno Domini 1703 the 26 of March in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, of the holy order of St Benedict, is most happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the rights of holy church our belou'd sister in Christ Sister Martha Hardwick Conuers; in the 56 year of her age and 37 of profession. She was naturally but

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tender and her exteriour shew'd her not strong or fitt for those labours Conform to her vocation. But zeal to comply with our holy rule which she Lou'd and Pris'd aboue all render'd her a perfect obseruer of it, and other dutys of Religion to the very Last. Her sicknes was long and very suffring by not being able to rest in her bed, yet non euer herd her complain of what she suffer'd, tho all was uneasy to her. The conformity and patience whereby she edify'd all giues hopes she's in the way to Eternal glory at least for this your prayers are requested. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Lucy Downes, daughter to Mr Francis Downs of Newport in the county of Shrewsberry.

Her mother was Mrs Margery Dodd daughter to Mr Robert Dodd of Lanckton in the county of Stafford. She recead the holy habit on the 21 of June in yeare 1667 and profest uppon the same day of the same month beeing leape yeare 1668 at the age of 34. She dyed 13 March 1711.

Anno Domini 1711 the 13 of March, in this monestery of Grace Dieu of the order of St Benedict, is happily departed, strengthen'd with the Extreem onction, our dearly belou'd sister Sister Lucy Downes, aged 78 and of profession 43. She spent the first years in the labours conform to her state, but when she was no more capable of action by reason of years & infirmity, almighty god furnish'd her zeal with other occations to proue her fidelity, for she suffer'd many years great & painfull Infirmary, suported with conformity to the diuine will. She was euer pious and much deuoted to St Josept. We may hope that haueing had in this world a painfull purgatory it may satisfy for those defects human nature contracts, but that nothing may be wanting on our part to procure the onioyment of her celestially spous we humbly beg your suffrages & prayers. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Mary Benedict Swift daughter to Mr Hennery Swift and sister to Dame Mary Teresa and Sister Magdelin Swift, recead the holy habit Aprill the 24 in the yeare 1668. She was profest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1669 at the age 39. She dyed the 8 of Dissember 1719.

Anno Domini 1719 the 8<sup>th</sup> of December in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary Mother of God is happily deceas'd strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments our dearly belov'd sister, Sister Mary Benedict Swift conuers, who left the world well advanced in years yet brought with her an Innocency & Candor which appear'd in her life, which she spent in as much as her strength wou'd permitt in the labours of her state. Her obedience was chiefly to take care of the sick which duty with much chearfnllness she comply'd with, her interiour application to God in the midst of her business was visible by the frequent aspirations she made. She lived to a great age, yet was ever employed, & as her strength decay'd her love & confidence in God seem'd to encrease, in which dispositions comforted by the holy oyls, she sweetly return'd

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her soul to her Creator who we have reason to hope has given her a recompence of these virtues which he endowed her with, but as our correspondence with his graces are only known to him we therefore beg for her your suffrages & prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Anne Xaueria Berington daughter to Mr Jhon Berington of Upton in Heriford sheere; her mother was Mrs Nazareth Bagshaw of Harwell in Stafford sheere. Sister Berington Receade the holy Habit on the 23 of June 1669 and was protest on the 26 of July in the yeare 1670 at the age of 68. She dyed the 31 of October 1690.

Sister Anne Xauerias Bill.

Anno Domini 1690 the 31 of October in this our monastery of Grace Dieu at Pontoise, dedicated to the Imaculate conception of the glorious virgin Mary Mother of God, of the holy order of St Benedict, is happily deceas'd strength'd with the Sacrements of holy church, our belou'd sister, Sister Anne Xaueria Berington Conuers at the age of 89 and 20 of profession. Her coming to Religion at the ninth howre is no hindrance for her receauing equal pay with those that came att the first; she supplying by her inflam'd loue to God, what her age permitted her not to perform, of the greatest labours, yet she was euer imploy'd in the seruice of the community, & for 20 years has most diligently rung the riseing bell att 5 o'clock, & comply'd with other obediences with soe much exactnes & zeal that Gods deuine loue appear'd in all her proceedings in a most eminent degree, & euer to the last moment of her life, breathing forth her soul by an act of loue to her creator, & bearing with patience a long & sharp sicknes;; euer resign'd to Gods deuine will; by which she has giuen suficient grownds to hope she now enjoys thos etternall blessings, which God has prepar'd for thos that loue him, yett least any spot remaine to be purify'd we most humbly & earnestly beg the assistance of your holy sacrifices & prayers for the repose of her soule. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Scholastica Higginson, daughter to William Higginson in Lanchisheere, her mother was Mary Plate. Sister Scholastica recead the Holy habit on the 13 of February 1670 and was profest uppon the 14 of February 1671 at the age of 21. She dyed the 11th of March 1730.

Anno Domini 1730 the 11 of March is happily deceas'd our belou'd sister Sister Scholastica Higginson age'd 82 & of Profession 59; she was converted from a Presbyterian to the Catholick Religion in her tender years, & suffer'd much on that account from her parents, who seeing they could not shake her constancy put her out of doors in a cold frosty night, but Providence who neglects not those who combats by it placed her in a Pious family where it gave

her as a Pledge of future recompence, a vocation to a Religious State, which she comply'd withall with much alacrity & zeal, being very laborious in all Employments that obedience put her in, having a marvelous art att mingling Martha & Mary together, one may truely say she had a great heart both to God & her neighbor, as she encreas'd in

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age. Infirmity attacked her decaying days which she bore very chearfully, as much as her strength wou'd permitt, assisted att all common dutys till 2 days before her death, her sickness was so short that she dyed before the Sacraments cou'd be administer'd. Tho her end was sudden, we haue reason to believe it was not unprovid'd being witness of her eger desire for the Rights of Holy Church, which gives us cause to hope she enjoys her Celestial Spouse who tho his mercys are Infinite yet his justice must be satisfied, so request your suffrages & Prayers for her speedy repose. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Dorothy Walton was Daughter to Mr Walton of Litle Walton in Lanckesheere in the country of Black burrn; her mother was Mrs Anne Hesketh daughter to Mr Roger Hesketh of Maine in Lankesheere. She receaud the holy habit on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1670 and was profest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February in the yeare of our Lord 1671 at the age of 16. She dyed the 9 of august 1711.

Anno Domini 1711 the 9<sup>th</sup> of August in this our monestery of Grace Dieu, of the order of St Benedict, is happily departed, strengthn'd with holy Sacrements our Dearly belou'd sister Sister Dorothy Walton in the 57 of her age and 41 of profession. She began soon to declare her self a disciple of the cross, and was in Labors from her youth, asking the habit at the tender age of 14 and had so high esteem of her humble state that she chose it by preferance to that of the quire and refus'd her admittance as a Dame at Dunkerk. As the loue of god and her neighbor gaued the motion to her actions so were her works compleat, answering the grace which inspir'd them. Her industry was to be seruicable to all, which she perform'd with so much charity, that by her death her superiors lost a necessary subiect and all generally a kind sister and good frend, but when she appear'd so compassionat of others sufferances she seem'd Cruell to her Self by charging her Little proportion'd body with more austerity and Labor than it was able to suport, so that her zeal shorten'd her days by a violent feavor depriu'd us of so seruicable a member, our Consolation is the hopes she inioys the reward of her good works, for tho human weakness made her frail like other mortall, yet Charity couers a multitude of sins yet 'tis just to show her memory our gratitude by offering our suffrages for the repose of her soul. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Mary Peter Pashly was daughter to William Pashly of Osett in Yorksheere; her mother was Alice Pickard born in Yorksheere. Sister Mary receaud the holy habit of Religion on the 2nd of July, in the yeare 1670 and was profest the 28 of July 1671 at the age of 28. She dyed the 22 Oct. 1712.

Anno Dorni 1712, the 20 Octobre, in our monestery of Grace Dieu of the Order of St Benedict, is haply deceas'd strengthen'd with [the] Sacrements of holy church our Belou'd sister Sister Mary Peter Pashly, aged 77 and of profession 42. She was endow'd with singular gifts of grace which amply suply'd thos of natur, being from her entrance remarkable for obedience. & submission. Her Conuersation was religious and sincere, her actions accompany'd with charity towards all,

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and being aboue 20 years in the Employment of Apoticary, she show'd the heart of a mother to each person who wanted her assistance. She loin'd the Contemplative with the actiue

Life, so that her prayer and vnion with god seem'd to be continuall tho neuer so much ingag'd in exterior affaers. Her lamp being replenish'd with the oyl of good works we may hope she's now in company of the wise virgins, but least any spot remain your Sufrages and prayers are requested.

Requiescat in pace.

Sister Mary Winnifred Hill daughter to Mr Christopher Hill of Alligcottes, in Yorksheere; her mother was Mrs Beatrice Tunsteede of Tunstead in Darby sheere neere St Anne of Buckstone.

Sister Mary Hill recead the holy habit of Religion on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1671 and was profest on the 18<sup>th</sup> of may 1672 at the age of 66. She dyed the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 1688.

Sister Mary Winifreds bill.

Anno Domini 1688, in this our monastery of English Benedictine dames of Grace Dieu in Pontoise, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the blessed virgin Mary mother of god, of the holy order of St Benedict, is happily deceas'd our belou'd sister Sister Mary Winifred Hill, strengthen'd with the sacraments of holy church on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, at 89 years of age, and 19<sup>th</sup> of her profession, pyously, and peacefully acting the part of Martha in her constant labours; beeing a liu'ly example of humility to all, as well as of an Evangelical pouerty, & selfe contempt in her exterior employments; continually fix'd her hart on Christ, from whom she neuer departed taking all times she found free from domesticall labours to exercise her selfe in prayer and spirituall lecture. Her deuotion to our Blessed Lady mou'd her euen to tears, she neuer ceasing to implore her succor, and assistance from heauen, yet least there remaine any thing to be expiated by purging flames, wee humbly, and earnestly recommend her soule to your sacrifices and prayers that her Celestial spowse will please to receaue her into the eternall Tabernacles of his Kingdome. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Teresa Walton, owne sister to Sister Dorothy Walton decending from the same parents. She recead the Holy Habit on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May in the yeare 1672. She was profest on the 16 of June 1673 at the age of 17. She dyed april 28, 1713.

Anno Domini 1713 the 28 of April, in this our monestery of Grace Dieu of the order of St Benedict, is happily deceas'd ou Belou'd sister in Christ Sister Teresa Walton strengthen'd with the Sacraments at the age of 68, and of profession 40. From her first entrance into Religion she show'd a solid Judgment and Serious spirit, by a zealous application to the humble Employments of her state; as also to the ouercoming of her Inclination which was wholly oposit to that Laborious state. The chief means she us'd to acquire this victory was prayer, and confidence god gaue by his prophet to thos who invoke his name. So Joining the works of mortification to prayer and continuall keeping herself

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Imploy'd in some profitable exercise of Charity, that she was neuer seen to Loos a moment of time. Her vertues, continuall Labors and many good parts leaues us to Lament our lose of so good a member and obliges us to ofer up our Suffrages and prayers for the repose of her Soul. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Agnes Woolgare daughter to Mr William Woolgare of Soole in hampsheere in the County of Steepe.

Her mother was Mrs Dorothy Bolney daughter to Mr Francis Bolney in Sussex. Sister Agnes recead the Holy habit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 1675. She was profest on the 24 of August 1676 at the age of 17. She dyed 28 March 1712.

Anno Domini 1712: the 28 of March. In this our monestery of Grace Dieu of the order of St Benedict, is happily deceas'd strengthn'd with the Sacraments in her perfect sences with much deuotion, our belou'd sister in Christ Sister Agnes Woolgar aged 54, and of Profession 38. She was of a Constitution tender and consumptiue which promist no great practice of Labors, yet her Loue to god and Esteem of her vocation gaue her force and zeal to vndertake and passe thro all the hardest and humble Imployments anext to her state. The address she had to perform all things well was not a talent hiddne for she was ready to assist each perticuler with charity in their occations, which made her belou'd by all. She was most Compassionate to thos who by age or Infirmitie were vnable to help them selues. Almighty god who had been Liberall in preuenting her with so pious Inclinations, gaue her in the last 3 months of her Life, occations to Exercise her charity and proue her fidelity; for in tending the sick she gain'd the Infirmitie of which she dy'd. Her sickness was short but violant, which she suported with much Conformity to the diuine will and to the great edification of all, so that our Comfort in the lose of so good a member, is that she is or will soon be in the Inioyment of the recompence of the Blessed for which your Sufrages & prayers are requested. Requiescat in pace.

Sister Micktilda Pashly was sister to Sister Mary Pashly both by father & mother. She recead the holy habit on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1679 and was after having made 21 months of Nouiship, staying for her portion profest uppon her death bedd on the 16 of October 1680 at the age of 39. She dyed the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1680.

#### Sister Micktildas bill.

In the yeare 1680 Sister Micktilda Pashly strengthened with the holy Sacraments happily departed this life hauing past her whole yeare of Nouiship with most exemplare vertue, & as a true Isralet without guille or Craft. She liude in Religion with great simplicity & sincerity of soule, seeking god in very deede, in all humillity of hart, true piety and deuotion. She was always peacible & quiet, silent & Recollected, attending to god and her selfe with that exteriour comportment, composition and intence application as if she had allready left to treat with mortals uppon earth but had learnt to liue and Conuers in heauen; and her hart beeing more where she

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loude than where she liude. And Languishing after her beloude spows Christ Jesus, thirsting to compleat her espowsals with him, by the sacred vowes of Religion, in which beeing delayd by the non payment of her portion, and settlement of her temporall meanes, she fell into a lingring feauor, and after a short but violent sickness earnestly desiring to make her holy vowes, with great feruor of spirit she consummated that holocaust, sacrificysing both health, life, body and soule, to the hands of him that gaue it & hauing binn 21 months a Nouice, she was, as we haue caus to hope cald to the marriage feast in heauen on the 16 of October 1680 at the age of 39. But becaus we are Ignorant of the affayrs in the other world, least any thing yet remayn to be purgd by fire, we humbly beg your holy sacrifices and prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

This Sister Mechtilda Pashly was a soul of great candour piety & holy simplicity, seeking God sincerely according to our Holy Rule, showing great respect & subordination in all occurrences & occasions. And coming in the troublesome times of persecution in England, many secular worthy friends being retired into this Community we were so much straitened for lodging as we were forced to lodge both our Dames & Sisters in all little by-corners &



inconvenient lodgings; & she being the youngest was often removed, & turned to seek a lodging, to which necessit & sufferance she never made objection or show of difficulty but with much cheerfulness being once asked by the Abbess if she wanted anything, she answered no, no, but then smiling she said: "I want a bed sometimes to go to", without adding any one word more of desiring to be better provided. Another time her portion which her friends were careful to provide & pay in good time, not coming at the time expected, the Abbess bid her pray to Almighty God to send her portion. She very innocently answered: "I'll pray for the grace of God, but I never prayed for money." She was indeed an Israelite without guile and dissimulatio,; yet wanted no submission or respect. (By L. Abb. Neville.)

Sister Joanna Widowfield daughter to Mr Robert Widowfield of Lamesley in Bishoprick of Durham; her Mother was Mrs Margaret Tesdell of Gainforth in Bishoprick. Sister Joanna receau'd the holy habit of Religion on the 23 of July 1685 and was profest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1686 at the age of 30. She dy'd the 29 of January 1709.

Anno Domini 1709 the 29<sup>th</sup> of January in this our Monaster of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God is happily decaas'd, strengthen'd with the Sacrament of holy Church, our Dearly belove'd Sister in Christ Sister Johanna Widowfield in the 53 year of her age & 23 of Profession. Almighty God who had design'd her for a Life of combate prevented her with a couragious & undaunt'd Spirit, which she gave proof of when in England. She had the oath of Supremicy tendered to her before the Iustice of Peace; she chose rather to be cast into Prison & to loose her life than to betray her Fidelity to her Religion, & from the time she undertook a Religious observance she made it her business to become realy spirituall, apply-

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ing herself particularly to the overcoming her passions, in this combatt she became victorious, & from a violet temper, she became meek, humble and, obedient making her superiours will the rule of her actions, however averse the were to her nature; & if ever she shew'd a pain to submit 't was when it was not thought fitt to yeild to her too zealous practise of corporall austeritys. These virtues were crown'd by a great union with her celestial Spouse in Prayer & frequenting the sacraments. She was admirable in silence & charity to her neighbour never complained of any but herself, & it may be said her actions were evere accompany'd with truth fidelity & worth. We hope she is now in the enjoyment of her reward, but lest any imperfection shou'd retard her happyness we humbly beg your Suffrages & Prayers.

Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Mary Barbara Lochard daughter to Mr Milles Lochard of Lien in Herefordshire; her Mother was Mrs Frances Cloughe. Sister Mary Barbara was Clothed on the 17 of January in the yeare 1688 and profest on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February in the yeare of our Lord 1689 at the age of 21. She Dy'd the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1752.

Anno Domini in this our Monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy Order of St Benedict dedicated to the Imaculat Conception of the Glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God is hapily Deceased our beloved sister in Christ Sister Mary Barbara Lockard strengthen'd with the holly sacrements, in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of age & 63 of profession. She was most exempler in her union and aplication with God, never omitting the houer of prayer notwithstanding the labours of her state & Obediences, & most austere goeing through all the vigour of our holy Rule, euer exact in Silence and respectful to the religious. All her spare moments was spent in prayer. Her religious Comportment gaue great Edification to all boath abroad & att home. She was euer cheerfull, notwithstanding the great apreheension she euer had of Dyeing, expected her last houer with a

greate peaiice & tranquility & rendered up her hapy soule into the hands of her Blessed Redemer Jesus Christ. Leaste any humaine fraylety sho'd retarde her eternall happyness wee humbly beg your Sufrages & Prayers.

Requiescat In Pace.

Sister Winefred Whitfield daughter to George Whitfield of the Low in Shropshire; her mother was Mrs Dorothy Morgan in Betissfield in Flintshire. Sister Winefrid was Clothed the 26 of Nouember in the yeare of our Lord 1690 & Profest the 27 of January 1691 at 23 years of age. She dy'd september the 3<sup>d</sup> 1719.

Anno Domini 1719 the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September in this our monastery of Grace Dieu in Pontoise of the holy order of St Benedict dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary Mother of God, is happily deceas'd, strengthen'd with the holy Sacraments, our Dearly Beloued Sister Winefrid Whitfield Conuers who from her entrance into Religion addicted herself with zeal & allacrity to the labours of her state, which tho great she took care to norish her soul by an exactitude to her spirituall dutys, having a great fear of God in all the places that obedience put her to she had a continuall regard to Poverty. She suffer'd many years by an illness in her leggs which

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she bore with much courage & Patience till at last the humour turning cast her into her last sickness which she suffer'd with a submission & calmness of mind that caused in all who knew her naturall apprehension of Death an admiration of Gods Grace who alone can work such changes. She receiv'd all the Sacraments with a great presentness of mind & devotion at her last moments. But as we are strangers to what passes at that dreadfull tribunall we therefore beg for her your holy suffrages & prayers. Requiescat in Pace.

Sister Mary Joseph Price Daughter to Mr Richard Price of the County of Shrowsbury in Sropshier; her Mother was Mrs Martha Buttry. She was Cloathe'd the 25 of march 1713 was profest the 23 of Aprill 1714 at the age of 20. She dy'd (11th March 1759) aged 65 professed 45.